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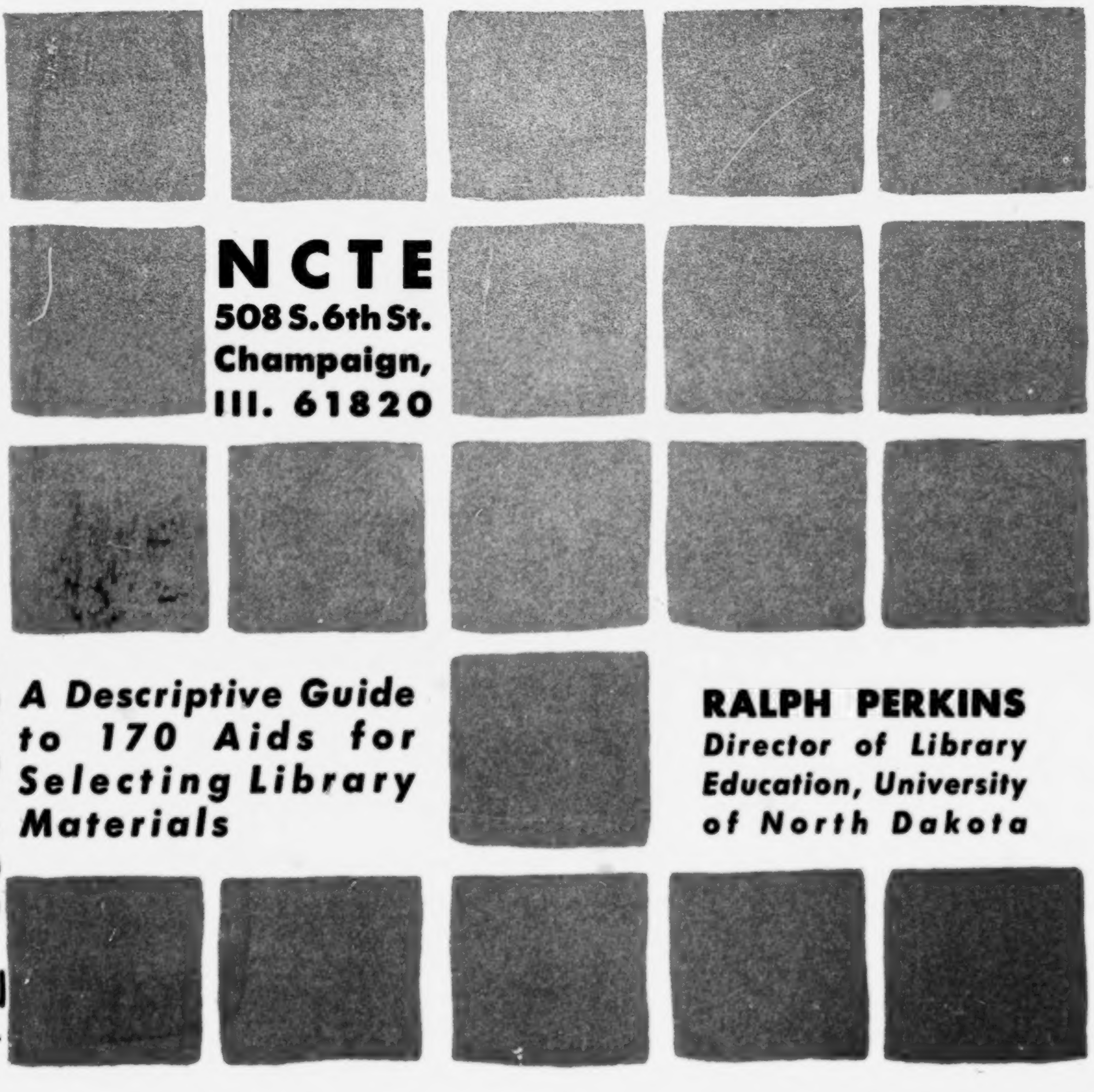

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Introduction

The purpose of this book is to bring together in one compact and readily usable source a descriptive summary of a selective sampling of the many individual publications that are of great value to the person selecting library materials.

The scope of this book includes a wide variety of materials. Included are general guides for all age groups. There are also guides for specific age and interest groups—adults, college students, high school students, elementary school students, parents, librarians. Specific subject matters range from atomic energy to audiovisual materials and materials for retarded readers. In addition, guides are listed which provide background for persons selecting materials for certain age groups. These materials in particular provide a better understanding of the child-reading relationships.

The author is aware that sources have been overlooked inadvertently. For this he offers his apology and will appreciate suggestions that will call attention to these sources. It should be borne in mind that no attempt to list book selection media can ever be complete.

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ADVENTURING WITH BOOKS:
a booklist for the elementary grades

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Elizabeth Guilfoile
National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

1966 edition; revised periodically

PURPOSE:

Enlargement and enrichment of the child's world under the guidance of adults, and the development of the individual through his own explorations in books

SCOPE:

This work presents the results of reading and evaluation of books for children as they have come from the press during the last five years. A number of old favorites are included. The choices are a composite of what the committee felt suited its purposes

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Picture-story books, books for beginners, fiction, foreign languages, folk and fairy tales, verse, holidays, sports, music, arts and crafts, religion, biography, science, social studies, general information

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children's Books Too Good to Miss; Best Books for Children; Treasure for the Taking

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The classification of books has been made easy and as functional as possible in the table of contents, and the author and title indexes will help locate books where title and author are known. Annotations are brief but adequate. Prices and age levels included

EVALUATION:

The extensive subject headings enable one to locate books of all age levels on a certain topic. An example of a well-organized, quality list

COST:

$.75 ($.65 for members of NCTE)

AERONAUTICS AND SPACE BIBLIOGRAPHY

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Superintendent of Documents
U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C. 20402

PUBLICATION DATA:

1963 (NAS 1.912:No. 8)

PURPOSE:

To list books, reference materials, pamphlets, bulletins, studies, surveys, films, and filmstrips covering the general subject of space

SCOPE:

Most comprehensive listing available, but does not pretend to be exhaustive nor complete

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Space flight, science in flight, space projects, space propulsion, astronomy, history and biography, aeronautics

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive or directed so exclusively to the specific subject area

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Index of authors, titles, and publishers. Contains listing of much free material and many inexpensive materials

EVALUATION:

Excellent; however much of the material listed is quite detailed and technical and not suited for the general lay reader

COST:

$.30

AFRICAN ENCOUNTER: a selected bibliography of books, films, and other materials for promoting an understanding of Africa among young adults

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1963

PURPOSE:

A handbook for librarians, teachers, and group leaders planning programs to promote an understanding of Africa among young adults

SCOPE:

Lists and annotates 125 selected books, films, and filmstrips. Gives suggestions for programs

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Arranged by subject

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Nothing similar

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Lists of organizations dealing with Africa and African embassies

EVALUATION:

Excellent

COST:

$1.50, paper

AMERICA: HISTORY AND LIFE
a guide to periodical literature

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Bibliographical Center
800 East Micheltorena Street
Santa Barbara, California 93103

PUBLICATION DATA:

Appears three times a year, starting July 1964 (February, July, December)

PURPOSE:

To survey, in a single publication, articles about American (U. S. and Canada) life

SCOPE:

Surveys 500 American and Canadian periodicals and 1,000 foreign periodicals. Duplicates only 5 percent of the articles in Historical Abstracts, and 95 percent of the periodicals are not abstracted elsewhere

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Historical Abstracts

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Subscription includes reference services, annual index, short summaries and annotations, full bibliographical information

EVALUATION:

Valuable for the large public or college library and unexcelled for its specific purpose

COST:

Service basis

AMERICAN BOOK PUBLISHING RECORD

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Monthly

PURPOSE:

To provide a monthly listing of books that have been published in the preceding month as listed in Publishers' Weekly, "Weekly Record"

SCOPE:

The coverage extends to the books of all publishers and all subjects including books printed abroad if there is a distributor in the United States

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Publishers' Weekly

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Gives the Dewey numbers and the subject headings of Library of Congress. Author, subject and title index. Sections for juvenile books and talking books. Reading levels and annotations supplied

EVALUATION:

A good aid for the librarian in selecting books and an aid to cataloging

COST:

$15.50 per year

AMERICAN CHILDREN THROUGH THEIR BOOKS 1700-1835

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Monica Kiefer
University of Pennsylvania Press
3729 Spruce Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1948

PURPOSE:

This study is an attempt to trace the changing status of the American child in the Colonial and early national periods as it is revealed in juvenile literature

SCOPE:

The general movement of the child's escape from a submerged position in an adult setting at the beginning of the eighteenth century advances slowly towards the recognition of his rights as a distinct personality by 1835. This evolution is traced through the record of the various aspects of child life, including religion, manners and morals, education, health and recreation

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The text is divided into these chapters: mental pabulum of godly children, war with the devil, art of decent behavior, learning of divers sorts, young victims of the kitchen physick, snares of the old deluder

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Critical History of Children's Literature

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains many excerpts and illustrations from very old children's books; summary, index, and bibliography

EVALUATION:

An excellent source for tracing the development of children's literature during the period. Provides background information appropriate for teachers and parents

COST:

$5.00

AMERICAN DOCUMENTATION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Documentation Institute
2000 P Street
Washington, D. C. 20036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1950; issued quarterly in January, April, July, and October

PURPOSE:

". . . a scholarly journal in the various fields in documentation and a forum for discussion and experimentation."

SCOPE:

Articles appropriate to the information services and documentation

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Journal articles, brief communications (1000 words or less), book reviews, letters

EVALUATION:

One of the leading primary sources in the field

COST:

$20.00, with membership; $18.50, nonmembers; $4.65, single copies

AMERICAN HISTORY IN JUVENILE BOOKS:
a chronological guide

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Seymour Metzner
The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Published 1966

PURPOSE:

To provide a comprehensive listing of all currently available trade books relating to American history which are meant for the elementary and junior high school age groups

SCOPE:

Lists more than 2,000 titles (fiction and nonfiction) available as of the winter 1964-1965

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Chronological with topical subheadings

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Historical Fiction, Historical Non-Fiction

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Each listing gives full bibliographical information and suggested grade level span. A brief description is supplied when the title does not indicate a book's subject

EVALUATION:

Unique in its field and useful to librarians, teachers, and students

COST:

$7.00

AMERICAN PRINTING HOUSE FOR THE BLIND

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Printing House for the Blind
Louisville, Kentucky

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annually since 1858; supplemented

PURPOSE:

To provide information on materials being printed or produced for the partially sighted

SCOPE:

Textbook publishing and general reading for all ages. Prints about 50,000,000 pages annually and produces about one half million talking records. The large-type publishing is really one of the smaller facets of the work of the Printing House

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Subject classification

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Catalog of Large Type Material

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Notes size of type

EVALUATION:

Excellent source for materials for the partially sighted

COST:

Catalog free

AN AMPLE FIELD

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Amelia Munson
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1950

PURPOSE:

To give practical book selection guidance

SCOPE:

Names of books scattered throughout, but no attempt has been made to list all of the authors acceptable to young people or to set up a balanced book collection. Books listed at the end of each chapter, which were mentioned in that chapter, should lead to further exploration and discoveries on the part of the reader

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The text is divided into three parts: challenge, resources, techniques—with various subheadings under each main section

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books, Young People and Readiing Guidance; Bequest of Wings

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The easy and interesting manner in which the field of book selection for adolescents is presented is excellent

EVALUATION:

Although this was not intended as a booklist, it does present many titles in the discussion of the aspects of the relationship between children and books. These lists can serve as a basis for the use of more extensive booklists and provide a background knowledge that is required of those who work with young adults

COST:

$3.00

ASIA:
a guide to basic books

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The Asia Society
112 East 64 Street
New York, New York 10021

PUBLICATION DATA:

1966

PURPOSE:

"... to identify basic books on Asia which are especially useful for teachers, mature students, and adults"

SCOPE:

Includes paperback editions and hardbound, a publishers' directory, and bookstores which specialize in Asian studies. Some books which are out of print but can be found in libraries are also included. Bibliographic essay for each section and for India, China, and Japan

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Four sections: Asia–General, South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Asia: A Guide to Books for Children

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographic information and annotation for each entry; list of bibliographies for those interested in specialized study; and author index

EVALUATION:

Thorough and well-arranged tool

COST:

$.50

BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Miriam Snow Mathes, Compiler
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1943; seventh edition, 1960

PURPOSE:

To provide books in the subject areas as well as in the field of fiction—books basic to the curriculum. A buying guide, and a list by which the librarian can evaluate the holdings of the library

SCOPE:

This is well-balanced list for the libraries of elementary schools; the list covers the curriculum and reading interests of children from kindergarten through grade eight

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children's Catalog

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Grade levels are listed for all books; "W" means catalog card is available from Wilson; directory of book publishers (limited); subject, title, and author index; each book has graded reading level; annotations; prices listed for each book

EVALUATION:

An important and well-arranged tool for the book buyer. Highly recommended as a check on the quality and quantity of existing library holdings. Essential for the library that can afford no mistaken choices

COST:

$2.00

BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Eileen F. Noonan, Compiler
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

7th edition, 1963; 1942–Basic Collection for High Schools (forerunners–1000 Books for High Schools; 500 Books for High Schools)

PURPOSE:

To provide books in the subject areas as well as in the field of fiction—books basic to the curriculum. A buying guide, and a list by which the librarian can evaluate the holdings of the library

SCOPE:

High school fiction and nonfiction; outstanding books that should be found in every high school library. Choices of books are based on such factors as known reading interests of young people, both as to format and subject matter; the needs of youth; and the requirements of the high school curriculum

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Follows Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Standard Catalog for High School Libraries

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Dewey Classification number given; L. C. card number given; indicates availability of Wilson cards; limited directory of publishers; lists periodicals for high school libraries

EVALUATION:

An important and well-arranged tool for the book buyer. Highly recommended as a check on quality and quantity of existing libraries. Essential for the high school library that can afford no mistaken choices

COST:

$3.00

BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Margaret V. Spengler, Compiler
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1950; no regular revision, latest edition 1960

PURPOSE:

To provide books in the subject areas as well as in the field of fiction—books basic to the junior high curriculum. A buying guide, and a list by which the librarian can evaluate the collection

SCOPE:

Over 1,000 books and 33 magazines. It is especially strong in the nonfiction area. Covers the normal junior high school curriculum and the reading interests of this age group

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Follows Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children's Catalog; Standard Catalog for High School Libraries; Basic Book Collections for Elementary Grades and High School

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographical information for each book with annotations; mentions the type of reader to which the book will appeal. Note is made of the type of original binding. Indicates the availability of Wilson cards

EVALUATION:

An important and well-arranged tool for the book buyer. Highly recommended as a check on quality and quantity of existing libraries, and an essential tool for the junior high school librarian

COST:

$2.00 paper

BEQUEST OF WINGS:
a family's pleasure with books

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Annis Duff
The Viking Press
625 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published 1944; revised 1954; 7th printing 1956

PURPOSE:

This is the story of the author's family pleasure with books and how the family grew together in sharing their fun with books

SCOPE:

Begins with the benefits the family can gain from reading together and the training of children in the proper use of books. The bulk of the book presents family situations and the books that were involved. In general, primary and early elementary books are stressed. An appendix is provided containing the titles of books, records, and sources of materials for family art collections

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The man of it, poetry, fun with words, needle in the haystack, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Longer Flight; An Ample Field; Proof in the Pudding

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Suggested books are introduced in real life situations. Gives intimate reaction of children to books

EVALUATION:

Not an efficient selection aid, but could be beneficial to parents and teachers of young children to see how specific books and reading in general can be incorporated into family living

COST:

$3.50, $1.45 paperbound

BEST BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

William Swan-Sonnenschein
G. P. Putnam's Sons
200 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

First edition 1887; 2nd edition 1891; 3rd edition 1935

PURPOSE:

To serve as a reader's guide and library reference book; a contribution towards systematic bibliography

SCOPE:

The choice of the best available books in every department of science, art, literature, with the dates of the first and last editions, and publisher's name for each book

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Classified by an original scheme using letters with numerical sections and subdivisions

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Reader's Adviser

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Index, synopsis of classification, table of abbreviations, list of British publishers and learned societies, highly condensed

EVALUATION:

Offers some excellent examples of book evaluation, but much of the material is outdated. Value of the tool is overestimated, perhaps because of the author's devotion and the devotion of his wife and daughter to the project

COST:

Parts vary; from $9.00-$12.00

BEST BOOKS FOR YOUNG ADULTS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Young Adult Services Division
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual; 1931 to the present

PURPOSE:

A selection from the year's publications of those adult books significant for young adults

SCOPE:

Lists about 25 books, fiction and nonfiction, that are considered good books of the year for young adults

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the many brief reading lists of good books for young adults

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Complete bibliographical information and short annotations

EVALUATION:

An excellent reading list available as an inexpensive reprint

COST:

A single copy is free; 25 copies for $1.00

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Association for Childhood Education International
3615 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

PUBLICATION DATA:

Every three years

PURPOSE:

To list the best of the books that have been reviewed by Childhood Education during the preceding two years

SCOPE:

Provides coverage from preschool to high school, with the emphasis upon the elementary area. Has a good representative coverage of all areas of the curriculum but makes no pretense of being all inclusive

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Follows Dewey with some modifications. Includes books for beginning readers, folklore, foreign language games, holidays, music, reference books, science, social studies, etc. Subject headings are somewhat confusing but table of contents explains arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

3300 Best Books for Children

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Lists Newbery and Caldecott Awards; includes age level for each book; author, title, and publishers' indexes

EVALUATION:

An excellent selection of the newer books which would be valuable for building library collections that would integrate with classroom instruction

COST:

$1.50

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF NORTH AMERICAN FOLKLORE AND FOLKSONG

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Charles Hayward
Dover Publications, Inc.
180 Varick Street
New York, New York 10014

PUBLICATION DATA:

2 volumes. First published by Greenberg Publisher in 1951; Dover edition corrected and published 1961. Enlarged to include new index supplement of composers, arrangers, performers

PURPOSE:

Bibliography of records, books, articles, and arrangements, both vocal and instrumental of folksongs and similar literary material in existence

SCOPE:

Covers all categories of American folklore (e.g., folk medicine, weather lore) including Negro culture, Indian mythology, Eskimos, northern Mexico, Canada

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

American people north of Mexico, regional bibliography, ethnic bibliography of various culture areas

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Includes references to all versions of folksongs and folklore in existence

EVALUATION:

An extensive, helpful bibliography

COST:

2 volume set, $15.00

BIBLIOPHILE IN THE NURSERY: a bookman's treasury of collector's lore on old and rare books

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

William Targ
World Publishing Co.
2231 West 110th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44102

PUBLICATION DATA:

1957

PURPOSE:

This volume attempts to provide a broad range of material—factual and entertaining—relating to the whole field of children's books and is concerned with those books of other days and places

SCOPE:

Introduces some of the men and women who have contributed substantially to the making of a particular world of books: writers, scholars, editors, booksellers, printers, collectors, and publishers. Ranges from the Norman Conquest to our own time

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Subject headings describe the titles under discussion in each particular section

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books, Children and Men

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Actual pictures of rare books. Also many details about books and authors

EVALUATION:

With a great deal of information about early books, the value is chiefly historical

COST:

$12.50

BOOK BAIT

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Elinor Walker, Editor
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1957

PURPOSE:

A selection of adult books, appealing to adolescents. To help more librarians guide young people to pleasure in reading

SCOPE:

A collection of about 365 titles that librarians call "sure fire" because of their appeal to young people. A few classics are included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Nothing really similar; *An Ample Field; Patterns in Reading*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Lengthy annotations; specific suggestions for book talks; notes on titles of similar interest; title index

EVALUATION:

Excellent; a real contribution for the person who is called upon to interest young adults in reading, or for book talks

COST:

$1.25

BOOK BUYER'S GUIDE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The Book Buyer's Guide, Inc.
1405 North Broad Street
Hillside, New Jersey

PUBLICATION DATA:

1898-; monthly

PURPOSE:

To aid in the selection of books; a trade periodical

SCOPE:

Books just being published—by publication date; bibliographic information on each book and short blurbs. Includes reprints and juvenile titles

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by title

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Publishers' Weekly

SPECIAL FEATURES:

List of best sellers and renters; book club selections; list of books about locales–by state; books to be published from periodical articles; recommendations for purchase depending on the monthly budgets by having lists for those who purchase $50, $100, $200 per month. Indexed by author and title

EVALUATION:

Good for news of the book trade. Special lists would be of value for quick reference in buying materials. Annotations not critical

COST:

$6.00 per year

THE BOOK REVIEW:
a section of the School Library Journal

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Also appears in the midmonthly issue of the School Library Journal; not published in August

PURPOSE:

To appraise books for children—preschool to young adult

SCOPE:

The most extensive book reviewing tool in existence which is devoted to general publications. Book appraisals are made by practicing librarians and specialists and cover all areas of knowledge

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Preschool and primary, grades 3-6, junior high and up, books for young adults

SIMILAR TOOLS:

New York Times children's book review supplement; *Virginia Kirkus Service, Inc.*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Indexed in Library Literature, Library Science Abstracts, Readers' Guide, Education Index, English Index and PAIS. Full bibliographical data and annotations. Books recommended for first purchase are indicated

EVALUATION:

Invaluable because of its extensive coverage. Books are selected for their own merit; teachers and librarians will have to choose according to their school needs

COST:

Subscription to School Library Journal is $5.00 per year, $9.00 two years, $13.00 three years

BOOK REVIEW DIGEST

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1905; monthly except February and July, with a permanent bound annual cumulation. Every fifth year the annual volume contains a cumulated subject and title index for books included during the previous five years

PURPOSE:

To provide a digest of selected book reviews taken from about seventy English and U. S. periodicals devoted to the evaluation of current literature. These periodicals are chosen by the subscribers to the index

SCOPE:

Evaluates about 5,000 books per year, giving full bibliographical information and critical excerpts from indexed reviews. No longer includes technical books

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Technical Book Review Index

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Reviews entered under author's name, subject and title index, partial directory of publishers. Quoted reviews are entered in alphabetical order according to the periodical from which the review is quoted

EVALUATION:

Excellent source for book evaluation; time saving as several reviews of a book are listed in one source

COST:

Service basis

BOOKLIST AND SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS BULLETIN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Booklist began 1905; Subscription Books Bulletin in 1930. Combined in 1956. Semimonthly except once in August; cumulated index for the year in the August issue

PURPOSE:

A buying guide for libraries, compiled especially for small and medium sized public and school libraries (Booklist). Gives unbiased, critical reviews of encyclopedias, dictionaries, biographical works, atlases, collections and any other reference material (Subscription Books Bulletin)

SCOPE:

Booklist lists only books recommended; Subscription Books Bulletin lists reference materials recommended and not recommended. Contains carefully selected listings of recent publications in fiction and nonfiction for both adults and children. Covers about 45 percent of the annual output of new books, most of which appeal to the general reader

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey classification

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Critical annotations (Booklist) and exhaustive reviews (Subscription Books Bulletin). Comparison made with other works and indicates the kind of library for which the book is recommended

EVALUATION:

A valuable book selection tool; indispensable for reference book selection

COST:

$8.00 per year

BOOKS ABOUT NEGRO LIFE FOR CHILDREN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Augusta Baker
New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

Revised edition to be published in 1967 [1963 edition, o.p.; 1st edition, 1949]

PURPOSE:

The author believes that books can perform a unique function in intercultural education and this list is designed to help books fulfill this function

SCOPE:

The list includes books for children that give an unbiased, accurate, and well-rounded picture of Negro life in all parts of the world. Books included are judged on three points: the factor of language, the theme of the book, and the illustrations. Many titles are suggested on a wide range of topics, and the listing is quite inclusive for books meeting the rigid requirements

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Three main divisions: in America, in the islands, in Africa—with subdivisions according to the types of literature. Examples: picture books, folktales, poetry, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

We Build Together

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The nature and scope of this booklist are unique. Prices have been included and will be correct as of February 1967

EVALUATION:

Invaluable to anyone wishing to select materials dealing with Negro life. The selector is assured that books from this list will not contain any illustrations or segments which will degrade the Negro child

COST:

$1.00, 1967 edition

BOOKS ABROAD

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

University of Oklahoma Press
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

PUBLICATION DATA:

Published quarterly since 1927; January, April, July, and October, with index for the year's issues mailed separately in January

PURPOSE:

Promote interest in international understanding by disseminating literary information on foreign books

SCOPE:

Each issue offers several articles on foreign literature and some two hundred reviews in English of new books in French, German, Spanish, Italian, English, Slavic languages, books of Asia and Africa, various languages. Current literature only

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

By categories and alphabetically by author's name within category

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None that cover the world so thoroughly

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Annual index, technical articles on the trends of literature, the philosophies of authors who greatly influenced world literature, aspects of the national literature of different countries

EVALUATION:

Especially useful for teachers, scholars, researchers in foreign literatures, and for the librarian who includes foreign books in his collection. Well annotated

COST:

$4.00 per year; $1.25 per issue

BOOKS, CHILDREN AND MEN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Paul Hazard
Translated by Marguerite Mitchell
The Horn Book, Inc.
585 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1944 and 1947; 3rd edition 1947; 4th 1960

PURPOSE:

Provide a limited historical survey of the world's books, children, and people active in providing literature for children; and to evaluate the output of many nations

SCOPE:

Hazard writes about children's books as a part of the whole field of literature and art, not as a special field unworthy of the serious attention of critics. He shows how unerringly children themselves have chosen and saved the real books, discarding the false

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Five parts: men have always oppressed children, children have defended themselves, superiority of the north over the south, national traits, the soul of man

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Bibliophile in the Nursery

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Begins with the critical analysis of Perrault's writing and continues to modern times. Presents an interesting picture of foreign evaluation of U. S. books for children

EVALUATION:

Presents no list of recommended titles, but evaluates many books in the text. Has a scholarly richness and appeals to anyone interested in the combination of children and books

COST:

$3.00, paperback
$5.00, clothbound

BOOKS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Marguerite Bagshaw
Ryerson Press
299 Queen Street West
Toronto, 2B, Ontario, Canada

PUBLICATION DATA:

First edition 1927; 2nd edition 1940; 3rd edition 1954; 4th edition 1966

PURPOSE:

To be a medium by which the romance of books can be made permanent to the boys and girls of all ages. This list is made for Canadian boys and girls in particular and all English speaking children in general, and also for all parents, teachers, and librarians who are interested in children's books and reading

SCOPE:

This work selects "without prejudice" the significant books from both sides of the Atlantic. It gives information about the best English children's books for use by Americans and information about outstanding American books for use in the British Commonwealth. The list attempts to balance the old titles with the new and covers a wide range of topics

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

A general arrangement is followed by broad informal subjects which represent the varied reading interests of boys and girls

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children's Books of the Year 1966

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Author and title index; indicates age groups

EVALUATION:

A listing of quality books, but it is well to bear in mind that some British books are not accepted by American children

COST:

$8.50

BOOKS FOR THE TEEN AGE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

Published in January of each year

PURPOSE:

This annual list is designed primarily for leisure time reading. Emphasis in selection of titles is upon subjects of interest to teenagers and upon presentation which is clear, vivid and appealing. It is intended primarily as a guide to materials in the New York Public Library rather than as a buying guide

SCOPE:

Over 1500 titles are listed. About three fourths of these titles are chosen from adult publications. The juvenile titles either have value for all ages or are included for the younger or slower readers. The books vary greatly in difficulty and depth to comply with the young adults' wide range of interest, maturity, and reading ability

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Titles are grouped under various subject headings: animal life, cars, flying, India, pets, etc. Titles under countries are arranged chronologically

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books for You

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains a great variety of subject headings that will appeal to teenagers. It is a basic list revised annually

EVALUATION:

A listing of good literature and popular titles. Can be used as a selection tool in spite of the fact that complete bibliographical data is not included

COST:

$1.00

BOOKS FOR YOU

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Richard S. Alm
National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

Apparently began in 1945, appears irregularly. Editions in 1945, 1951, 1959, 1964. Revised by editors with the help of student recommendations

PURPOSE:

Provides a reading list for leisure reading suitable for high school students

SCOPE:

An annotated list of books covering the various subject areas which constitute a broad reading program, including both fiction and nonfiction

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Books arranged under subject classifications such as adventure, the sea, war, science, short stories, Asia, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Basic Book Collection for High Schools; Patterns in Reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

More mature books are marked with an asterisk; contains a list of publishers; author and title index; paperback publishers are listed separately

EVALUATION:

Provides an excellent method of presenting reading materials to students. Annotations are especially well written

COST:

$.90 ($.75 for members of NCTE)

BOOKS, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND READING GUIDANCE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Geneva R. Hanna
Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc.
49 East 33rd Street
New York, New York 10016

PUBLICATION DATA:

1960

PURPOSE:

This work is for use by teachers, librarians, parents, and others concerned with guiding the reading of young people of junior and senior high school age, and as a text for college courses in literature for young people

SCOPE:

The authors have attempted to organize the available information about books and methods of reading guidance for young people in such a way that the ideas and suggestions will prove valuable to both the experienced teacher and the neophyte. Books of interest to young people are used throughout the text to illustrate points under discussion. Emphasis is on contemporary books, although past books are included. It aims to include what is necessary to provide reading guidance

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The text is divided into nine chapters, each dealing with a particular phase of reading guidance

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children and Books (Elementary)

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Readings are listed at the end of each chapter to provide additional information on topics discussed in the chapter. A section presents recommended books referred to in the text

EVALUATION:

Reading this book would be a profitable experience for anyone engaged in reading guidance for this age group

COST: ·

$3.50; college edition $2.75

BRANCH LIBRARY BOOK NEWS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

First appeared in 1914; issued 5 times each year

PURPOSE:

To provide information on recreational reading, of a nonspecial nature, for adults. Each issue is devoted to one subject; every title is annotated

SCOPE:

A selected list of titles which are represented in the branch system of the NYPL. They may be in print or out of print. List covers fiction and nonfiction

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The subject of each issue is subdivided, e. g., *Africa*–land and people, impressions of Africa, Africans speak

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Cleveland, Detroit, Brooklyn, and other city library reading lists

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Includes the NYPL call numbers for each book. Indicates whether a title has appeared in an edition of Books for the Teen Age. Includes a list of books for children and one of phonograph recordings whenever appropriate

EVALUATION:

Popular and well-edited reading list. Can be used as a selection tool in spite of the fact that complete bibliographical data is not presented. NYPL feels that lists do not become outdated as quickly with their system–omitting bibliographical data

COST:

$1.00 per year

BULLETIN OF THE CENTER FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

University of Chicago Graduate Library School
University of Chicago Press
5750 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60637

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1948; monthly except August

PURPOSE:

To present a guide for book selectors to new titles of books for children

SCOPE:

Covers preschool through the upper elementary grades. Reviews about 50 books each issue—both fiction and nonfiction. Covers both books recommended and those not recommended. Also covers books whose subject matter and treatment or appeal limits the audience. Each issue contains a bibliography of suggested readings for teachers and librarians

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None comparable in quality of reviews; reviews many current books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Evaluations are critical; full bibliographical data included for each book. Reading level of each book is indicated. Lists recommended books, books to add as second choice, and books not recommended. December issue contains a list of the recommended books for the year

EVALUATION:

This is an excellent guide to new books. A welcome feature is the lack of advertising. The best source for reviews of current books

COST:

$4.50

BULLETIN OF THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS INFORMATION SERVICE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Public Affairs Information Service, Inc.
11 West 40th Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1914; issued weekly, and cumulated five times a year. The fifth cumulation is the annual bound volume

PURPOSE:

To provide a subject index to the current literature in the field of public affairs—books, pamphlets, periodical articles, etc.

SCOPE:

Limited to political science, government, legislation, economics, sociology, etc. Selective indexing of more than 1,000 periodicals. Includes government documents

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by subject

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so thorough for the social sciences; *Readers' Guide, Social Sciences & Humanities Index*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Indicates free material by an asterisk, and gives prices of nonfree material

EVALUATION:

Important for the larger public library and the college library

COST:

$100 per year; cumulations only, $50; annual cumulation only, $25

CALDECOTT MEDAL BOOKS: 1938-1957

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Bertha Mahoney Miller
The Horn Book, Inc.
585 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1957

PURPOSE:

To present complete information on the Caldecott Medal winners and their books from 1938-1957

SCOPE:

The introductory chapter presents a sketch of Randolph Caldecott. The medal winners are then presented giving author of the text, format note, and book note (including size, artist's medium, printing process, illustrations, and type), the artist's acceptance paper, and a biographical paper for each year's winner

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The divisions are by year

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Newbery Medal Books: 1922-1955; Newbery and Caldecott Medal Books: 1956-1965

SPECIAL FEATURES:

This presents complete data on each of the medal winning books and its illustrator in one source

EVALUATION:

Excellent for material dealing solely with the Caldecott books

COST:

$10.00

CAREERS IN SCIENCE: a selected bibliography

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Association for the Advancement of Science
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

PUBLICATION DATA:

New edition to be published in 1967

PURPOSE:

A selected bibliography prepared for those high school students who plan to continue their education and are considering careers in the pure or applied sciences. The list is published in an effort to get these students to prepare for their life work during their high school years

SCOPE:

Covers a selective listing of materials dealing with careers in the various areas of science

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Contains a listing of titles under several headings such as general information, aeronautics, agriculture, forestry, anthropology, archaeology, architecture, astronomy, mathematics, medicine, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains a good section on college and scholarship information as well as a section on careers in the general field of sciences. Most of the listings are free or inexpensive. Gives full bibliographical information

EVALUATION:

An excellent listing of bibliographical materials

COST:

$.50

CATALOG OF LARGE TYPE MATERIAL

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

National Aid to Visually Handicapped
3201 Balboa Street
San Francisco, California 94121

PUBLICATION DATA:

Catalog issued each year

PURPOSE:

Provide books with large type for the visually handicapped or to any individual who can benefit from the use of large type

SCOPE:

Includes textbooks in all age and grade levels for common school subjects as well as selected fiction, usually of the classic type

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Literature, reading, language, social studies, science, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books for Tired Eyes

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Selection is limited but of good quality. Lists future titles planned. Has a section listing Catholic school texts

EVALUATION:

Excellent for its purpose

COST:

Catalog free

CATALOG OF THE LAMONT LIBRARY, HARVARD COLLEGE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Harvard University Press
79 Garden Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

PUBLICATION DATA:

1953

PURPOSE:

A working list of books for college students

SCOPE:

A listing of books designed to serve the curriculum needs of Harvard undergraduates. Listing is limited to the Harvard course of study which is somewhat different than the curriculum found in many colleges

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Classified in a special scheme which is explained in the front of the book

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books under each subject are arranged alphabetically by author. Author and subject index

EVALUATION:

Classification scheme is somewhat difficult and the listing is of doubtful value even to Harvard College

COST:

$7.50

CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Association for Childhood Education International
3615 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

PUBLICATION DATA:

Monthly September through May since 1924

PURPOSE:

This is a periodical for teachers of young children, for those concerned with children from 2-12, designed to stimulate thinking

SCOPE:

Includes abstracts, bibliographies, book reviews, illustrations, trade literature, etc. Each month a list of books for children is given. Approximately twenty current books are reviewed in each issue. Another list of books for adults is given each month which consists of professional reading for parents and teachers

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The children's booklist is divided into general, science, social studies, biographies, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Elementary English

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Indexed in Education Index

EVALUATION:

The booklists are of high quality although not extensive or complete, and somewhat obscured by advertisements

COST:

$6.00 annual membership; $2.50 undergraduate membership (includes Childhood Education with "Branch Exchange" insert)

CHILDREN AND BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

May Hill Arbuthnot
Scott, Foresman and Co.
1900 East Lake Avenue
Glenview, Illinois 60625

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyrights 1947; 1957; 3rd edition 1964

PURPOSE:

Designed to acquaint prospective teachers with the wide range of literature which children enjoy and to give background information which will enable the teacher to provide better reading guidance for children

SCOPE:

Extended coverage of all types of literature and of the child-book relationship

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Presents a brief historical sketch of literature for children, illustrators, poetry, choral reading, folktales, fables, myths and legends, storytelling, various types of fiction, nonfiction, reading in the family, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children's Literature in the Elementary School

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Author, subject, and title index; many reading lists; directory of publishers; many sketches of authors and illustrators which are designed to give some introduction to these people

EVALUATION:

An excellent source for information about children and their reactions to literature. Essential for those working with children from grades 1-8

COST:

$9.25

CHILDREN'S BOOK SHELF

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Child Study Association of America
9 East 89th Street
New York, New York 10028

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1962; reissued in June 1965

PURPOSE:

To promote children's reading through a parents' guide to good books for boys and girls

SCOPE:

Divided into two sections. The first portion contains articles about children and reading plus listings of books for ages 3-14 under subject headings appropriate for the age group. The second portion of the book is concerned with books about children and family life, including books for families and children with disabilities. Lists about 2,000 books

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Books are listed alphabetically by title under such headings as adventure, stories for girls, biography and history, science, poetry, religion, marriage, adoption, humor, fantasy, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

The first section is similar to *Children's Books of the Year;* the second section is similar to *Recommended Reading about Children and Family Life*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Complete bibliographical data and good annotations; includes pamphlets and paperbacks, publishers' directory, author and title index, excellent introductory articles

EVALUATION:

An excellent source for selecting materials of interest to the child as well as materials designed especially for parents

COST:

1965 edition $.95

CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR $1.50 OR LESS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Association for Childhood Education International
3615 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20016

PUBLICATION DATA:

1967; biannual

PURPOSE:

A guide to help adults in their choice of inexpensive children's books

SCOPE:

Presents many titles in a wide variety of subjects and is an attempt to choose books that are attractive in appearance, appealing to children, and which make a definite contribution to the child's growth. Includes many paperback volumes

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Titles are entered under subject headings such as alphabet books, biography, classics, picture books, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

One of the few sources devoted specifically to inexpensive books. Full bibliographical information plus annotations

EVALUATION:

It would be very useful to anyone desiring to start a children's library inexpensively or to those who desire multiple copies of books

COST:

$.75

CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF THE YEAR 1966

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Child Study Association of America, Inc.
9 East 89th Street
New York, New York 10028

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual; published December 1966

PURPOSE:

An annotated guide to nearly 400 new books for children

SCOPE:

This list is designed as a guide to the many new books for children from preschool age to the early teens. Its selections take into account the diversity of interests and reading skills in children. Paperbacks and inexpensive books are included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Age levels and various subjects

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Notable Children's Books of ——

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books of outstanding quality are starred; titles are grouped by age and interest; contains topical groupings of "easy" books

EVALUATION:

A reliable guide to the better books published during the year

COST:

$.75

CHILDREN'S BOOKS SUGGESTED AS HOLIDAY GIFTS 1966

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

Current edition, 1966; this is an annual list; series began in 1910

PURPOSE:

This is a catalog of the books in an exhibition of children's books of the current year suggested as holiday gifts. Exhibition is held in Central Children's Room, 5th Avenue and 42nd Street

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Picture books; song and play; fairy, folk and fanciful tales; stories; poetry; art; hobbies and sports; nature; science; stories for older boys and girls; people and places; children's books and reading; new editions, 2nd reprints

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books of the Year

EVALUATION:

Excellent for person wishing to have assistance in the selection of good children's books. Selectors are authorities in the field

COST:

$1 by mail (free at Inquiry Desk, The New York Public Library, 5th Avenue at 42nd Street, New York, New York 10018)

CHILDREN'S BOOKS TO ENRICH THE SOCIAL STUDIES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Helen Huus
National Council for the Social Studies
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1961

PURPOSE:

To provide a compilation of materials that will enhance the learning of children

SCOPE:

A very selective listing of children's books dealing with world history (including the United States) and with the topics with which the social studies program in the elementary schools are concerned, e.g., government, industry, transportation, communication, holidays, the home, etc. Includes fiction and nonfiction

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Consists of five parts: our world, times past, people today, the world's work, living together. Under each subdivision the books are ranked in order of difficulty

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Subject Index to Books for Primary and Intermediate Grades

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Good annotations and full bibliographical data. Author, title, and publisher index. Each book graded. Contains a short introduction for each section

EVALUATION:

An excellent source for the elementary social studies teacher to use in enriching the curriculum

COST:

$2.50

CHILDREN'S BOOKS TOO GOOD TO MISS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

May Hill Arbuthnot, Margaret Mary Clark, Harriet Geneva Long
The Press of Western Reserve University
2029 Adelbert Road
Cleveland, Ohio 44106

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1948; newest edition, 1966

PURPOSE:

An attempt to determine to which of the old books (classics) should each new generation of children be exposed, and at what age, and which of the recent books show signs of possessing not only literary distinction, but permanent child appeal

SCOPE:

Approximately 250 books, old and new, which are good literature, make a significant contribution to a child's wisdom, merriment, or appreciation of beauty, and have child appeal

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Four areas: children under six; 6,7,8; 9,10,11; 12,13,14. Picture books, folk tales, poetry, Bible stories, biography, fiction, travel, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Adventuring with Books; Best Books for Children; Treasure for the Taking

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Entries under age level headings; price lists and publishers; sixteen pages devoted to the artists of children's books. Extensive explanation of the purpose of the book

EVALUATION:

It is limited in quantity but not in quality. The annotations and the section devoted to illustrators are excellent

COST:

$1.75, paper; $3.25, cloth

CHILDREN'S CATALOG

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began 1909; basic editions every four years—with four annual paper supplements

PURPOSE:

A buying guide, cataloging aid, and check list

SCOPE:

Lists the most valuable books (fiction and nonfiction) in print for elementary school age children

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Sears list

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive; *Basic Book Collections, Best Books for Children*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Rating by stars, reading level indicated, analytics

EVALUATION:

The most exhaustive in the field for all but the latest books

COST:

11th edition, 1967, with four annual supplements not yet priced

CHILDREN'S LITERATURE IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Charlotte S. Huck
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

PUBLICATION DATA:

1961

PURPOSE:

This book has been designed for prospective elementary teachers, inservice teachers, librarians, and others with special interest in literature for children. Its major purpose is to help the adult integrate knowledge of children, books, and the learning process

SCOPE:

Extended coverage of all phases of the child-book relationship

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The text is divided into four parts: meeting books and children, knowing children's literature (chapters devoted to the different types of children's literature), using literature with children, and the appendix

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children and Books by Arbuthnot

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains lists of award winning books; publishers; subject, author, illustrator and title index; book selection aids; book exhibits; book clubs; etc.

EVALUATION:

An excellent source of information about children and children's literature

COST:

$8.25

CHOICE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Peter M. Doiron, ed.
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

March 1964; monthly except combined in July-August

PURPOSE:

Attempts to review the "choice" academic and scholarly books published or distributed in the U. S.

SCOPE:

Extensive and excellent coverage (about 4,000 titles per issue) of college and junior college books and to some extent books suitable for an enriched high school collection

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Entered under general works, anthropology, archaeology, art, astronautics, biology, etc., a total of twenty-eight subjects with some subjects such as history and language subdivided

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Several specialized publications give similar coverage to a specific discipline, but none is actually comparable for the wide range of subjects covered in this tool

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Critical evaluations and reviews; books reviewed by specialists in the field; gives comparison with other publications of a like nature. Gives complete bibliographical data for each book

EVALUATION:

Excellent for college, university, and junior colleges. Of great value to the better public libraries and high school libraries

COST:

$20.00 per year

CLASSIFIED LIST OF PERIODICALS FOR THE COLLEGE LIBRARY

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

F. W. Faxon Co., Inc.
515-525 Hyde Park Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02131

PUBLICATION DATA:

4th edition, revised and enlarged, 1957

PURPOSE:

To supply an effective aid in selecting journals for college students and college faculty and to some extent the research needs for advanced students and faculty

SCOPE:

Lists periodicals considered important for a four-year liberal arts college library. Not to be considered as an automatic buying guide, but as a suggestive aid to selection and evaluation. Provides comprehensive coverage for periodicals printed in English

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Arranged in a classified list under subject headings such as art, astronomy, biology, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive for this particular area

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Gives full bibliographical data on periodical listed. Gives annotations that are critical. Includes title index

EVALUATION:

Good for the college library, and the information given on the more generally known magazines could be of value to any librarian. Some of the information is dated

COST:

$5.00

COLLEGE AND ADULT READING LIST

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Edward Lueders
National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

1962

PURPOSE:

Intended for the use of all adult readers seeking pleasure, knowledge, and growth through familiarity with the world's literature, art, and music

SCOPE:

Directs the prospective reader to books that clearly merit his reading and explains why they do. It is not complete, but it is extensive enough to cover some of the most important literature in the area. Includes 760 titles. No anthologies

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Literature—American fiction, British fiction, world fiction, American poetry; art; music; etc. Listed alphabetically by author under each heading

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Good Reading; Lifetime Reading Plan

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Asterisk denotes that the edition is available in paperback; annotation not only does an excellent job of describing the book but also provides a frame of reference

EVALUATION:

Excellent for the individual who desires to read for a purpose and good as a guide for the teacher preparing students for college

COST:

$.90 ($.75 for members of NCTE)

COLLEGE PREPARATORY READING LIST

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Nioga Library System
Pine Avenue and Ninth Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14301

PUBLICATION DATA:

1964

PURPOSE:

To help the high school student acquire the reading background necessary for success on the college campus

SCOPE:

This is a general list drawn from all fields. It includes the classics, important recent authors, current activities in scientific research, social problems, the economic and ideological situation at home and abroad, and contemporary developments in the fine arts

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the better examples of the many college preparatory reading lists

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Titles are suggested for comparisons to other titles which the student can learn to apply to all of his reading

EVALUATION:

Presents interesting annotations and comparisons with other works which are helpful for developing the student's reading program

COST:

$.20 single copy; reduced price for quantities

CRITICAL HISTORY OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Cornelia Meigs
The Macmillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1953

PURPOSE:

Offers a critical analysis of what has endured and why, of how time and circumstance have affected the progress of children's literature, and discusses what is best in the books available to children

SCOPE:

This is a survey of children's books in English from earliest times to the present

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Many headings under the main divisions: roots in the past up to 1840, widening horizons 1840-1890, a rightful heritage 1890-1920, and the golden age 1920-1950

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive but some similarity to *Books, Children and Men; American Children through Their Books*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The great feature here is the vast coverage of children's literature and its critical analysis. Does not contain lists, but evaluation of books can be located through the index

EVALUATION:

A most valuable tool for anyone wishing to gain a picture of children's literature. An excellent critical history

COST:

$7.50

CUMULATIVE BOOK INDEX

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Monthly except August. Semiannual and annual cumulations; began publication in 1928

PURPOSE:

Provides a world list of books published in English exclusive of government documents, paper editions, pamphlets, maps, tracts, sheet music, and propaganda

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Books are listed alphabetically by author, title, and subject

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive—*Books in Print* is an approach to a similar tool

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Gives complete bibliographical data on all publications. Includes a directory of publishers and distributors

EVALUATION:

Indispensable to college libraries and larger public libraries as a quick source to check for information about a book

COST:

Sold on the service basis

CURRENT BOOKS: Junior Booklist
Senior Booklist

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Lois R. Markey
National Association of Independent Schools
4 Liberty Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual

PURPOSE:

These are booklists for boys and girls to help them enjoy their reading. The annotations are designed for the group concerned in each booklist. Libraries use them as book buying guides

SCOPE:

Includes books for all ages and all levels of reading which are interesting, informative, and of literary value.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Senior list contains reviews of adult books only and is categorized by type of book. Junior list is divided into six parts: grades 6-9, 4-6, 2-4, K-2, for the youngest, and for the family bookshelf

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the better of the vast number of reading lists published by public schools and public libraries

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographical information given about each book; annotations are very good and intended primarily for students rather than for teachers

EVALUATION:

An example of an excellent set of reading lists designed to promote good reading for all ages

COST:

$.50 each

DOORS TO MORE MATURE READING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Elinor Walker, Chairman
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1964

PURPOSE:

An outgrowth of Book Bait which selects adult books that have appeal to the young adult for the purpose of guiding the teenager to more pleasure in reading

SCOPE:

Covers over 150 books including plays, poetry, science, history, biography, travel, fiction, etc.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetically by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Book Bait

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Title index, full page annotations, suggestions for related books, prices not given. Good for book talks

EVALUATION:

Excellent; a carefully screened list of books which have been accepted by young adults

COST:

$2.50

EDUCATIONAL FILM GUIDE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Started in 1936 as the *Educational Film Catalog.* Published annually with monthly supplements. Ceased publication in 1962.

PURPOSE:

To include under one cover all 16mm motion pictures intended for educational use; all sponsored or "free" films; religious films; films on travel, music, and sports; documentary; and experimental films, etc.

SCOPE:

See purpose. Does not include films intended solely for the medical, dental, or psychiatric professions

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey classification

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Educator's Guide to Free Films

SPECIAL FEATURES:

One index on subject and title; information on how to obtain the films; directory of main sources of films; brief annotations of each film

COST:

11th edition, $5.00
1954-1958 volume with supplements through 1962, $20.00

EDUCATIONAL MEDIA INDEX

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

McGraw-Hill Book Company
330 West 42nd Street
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

First issued in 1964; revision under consideration

PURPOSE:

To furnish information as to the source, content, and cost of nonbook material in the audiovisual and visual materials including maps, charts, programed materials, models, etc.

SCOPE:

A complete guide to the areas listed above

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Fourteen volumes, each dealing with a subject area: preschool and primary; intermediate grades; art and music; business education; English language; foreign language; guidance; psychology and teacher education; health, safety, and home economics; industrial and agriculture; mathematics; science and engineering; geography and history; economics and political science; and a master title index in volume 14

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None to compare in extensiveness

EVALUATION:

Although generally praised by audiovisual people and college of education faculties, it is difficult to use, poorly cross-referenced, duplicates other sources, and in the present edition leaves much to be desired

COST:

14 volumes $62.45. Each volume sold separately from $5.00-$9.00

EDUCATOR'S GUIDE TO FREE FILMS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Educator's Progress Service
P. O. Drawer E
Randolph, Wisconsin

PUBLICATION DATA:

First appeared in 1941; annual

PURPOSE:

To enrich the audiovisual program by serving as an aid to the instructor for obtaining supplementary film material

SCOPE:

Aims to cover appropriate films in each of thirty curriculum areas

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Lists films alphabetically under curriculum areas

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Indiana and Illinois University film catalogs

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Has subject, source, and title indexes. Includes description of contents of film, size, sound or silent, date of release, running time, and limitations on distribution. Each subject area printed on a different colored paper

EVALUATION:

Unsurpassed in its detailed descriptions of films

COST:

$9.50 per year

EDUCATOR'S GUIDE TO FREE FILMSTRIPS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Educator's Progress Service
P. O. Drawer E
Randolph, Wisconsin

PUBLICATION DATA:

Educator's Guide to Free Filmstrips revised annually

PURPOSE:

Designed to provide comprehensive information service on currently available free filmstrips and slides

SCOPE:

Intends to include pertinent material in fourteen subject areas of the curriculum

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Accident prevention, agriculture, art, business education, geography, health and social hygiene, history, home economics, industrial arts, music, science, social problems, sports, and transportation

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Many institutions of higher learning offer somewhat similar services

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Title, subject, source, and availability index. Complete information about each filmstrip and how to make proper use of filmstrips

EVALUATION:

Very good as a guide to bring the availability of such material to the attention of teachers

COST:

$7.00 per year

ELEMENTARY ENGLISH

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began 1924; monthly October through May

PURPOSE:

This is a periodical of the language arts for the elementary teacher

SCOPE:

Presents bibliographies, film reviews, illustrations, record reviews, and book reviews. Each month a list of books for children is presented with full bibliographical data and annotation. Due to the extensive coverage of each book the number of titles covered in each issue is limited

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Classified according to type of book

SIMILAR TOOLS:

The Horn Book has somewhat similar coverage of the literature part, but *Elementary English* is unique

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Excellent reviews. Often contains information of great value for background information in the use of literature with children. Indexed in Education Index

EVALUATION:

Invaluable for those working with elementary school children because of its realistic approach and special features

COST:

$7.00 per year

ENGLISH JOURNAL

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1912; monthly September through May

PURPOSE:

Designed to help the high school teacher of English

SCOPE:

Contains a great number of articles on teaching and related aspects of the whole field of the language arts. Section on teaching materials lists books, texts, recordings, etc. which are applicable to the high school curriculum. Books reviewed are those recommended for classroom study. Gives complete bibliographical data, but is mainly concerned with how the book may be incorporated into the classroom situation

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Books, textbooks, and recordings

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Unique in the area

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Indexed in Education Index; has reviews of many recordings suitable for English classes. Biannual roundup of reviews of selected adolescent books

EVALUATION:

The articles dealing with adolescents and reading are unsurpassed. Excellent for those working with this age group

COST:

$7.00 per year

FARE FOR THE RELUCTANT READER

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Anita Dunn
Argus-Greenwood, Inc.
Albany, New York

PUBLICATION DATA:

Revised in 1964

PURPOSE:

This is an annotated bibliography designed to help teachers and librarians select books for the "reluctant" reader in grades seven through twelve

SCOPE:

The list is extensive enough so that every school will have a large enough number of entries to make the bibliography useful. The emphasis has been placed on recent titles, but some favorite and out-of-print books are included because libraries may have them in their collections. There are chapters on the fields of developmental and remedial reading; a compilation of other booklists is also included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Three sections: Grades 7-8; 9-10; 11-12. Within each of these age groups titles have been presented by categories

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Gateways to Readable Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Annotations rather brief, but adequate for the purpose. Gives reading level of each book. Contains numerous titles grouped under topics which are of special interest to the age groups concerned

EVALUATION:

Indispensable for junior and senior high school teachers and librarians

COST:

$1.00

FICTION CATALOG

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Editions about every five years; supplemented with four annual paper issues

PURPOSE:

To aid purchasing; a tool for reference, bibliography, and replacing older materials

SCOPE:

A listing of books by author, subject and title designed for the small and medium sized public library. Contains only fiction

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the *Standard Catalog* series

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Evaluated by a star system

EVALUATION:

A necessity for the public library

COST:

7th edition, $ 9.00, U.S. and Canada
$12.00, foreign
1961-1965 volume plus four annual supplements,
$11.00, U.S. and Canada
$14.00, foreign

FILMSTRIP GUIDE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Started separate publication in September 1948; cumulated annually. Ceased publication in 1962.

PURPOSE:

To list 35mm filmstrips

SCOPE:

Aims to include all filmstrips which are applicable to any curriculum field and age level

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Before 1955 the filmstrips were listed according to Dewey; since 1955 they are listed alphabetically by title

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Educator's Guide to Free Filmstrips

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains description of filmstrip and price; subject index; directory of sources; designates filmstrips that are for sale, for rent, free, and for free loan

EVALUATION:

An excellent guide to filmstrip material even though no longer in publication

COST:

Available for 1955-1958 with supplements through 1962 for $14.00

FILMSTRIPS ON CURRENT AFFAIRS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The New York Times Company
229 West 43rd Street
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

1954; eight filmstrips issued in 1966-67 school year; 24 back issues are available

PURPOSE:

To present printed and audiovisual materials on current topics of national and international importance

SCOPE:

Current topics; filmstrips and study guides have been issued on various nations of the world and on various selected subjects. Adult, college, and high school interest

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

1966-1967 filmstrips have the following subjects: citizen involvement, the struggles within Asia, education boom, South America, water and air, population explosion, America's global commitment, decade in space. These subjects are representative of the other 24 filmstrips available

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None; however there are other filmstrip guides

SPECIAL FEATURES:

35mm filmstrips with about 55 frames; includes a 48-page study and discussion guide with each topic; detailed commentary on each frame; authoritative

EVALUATION:

This is the best in filmstrips; however the subject matter is limited and the age restrictions make it a very selective tool

COST:

$25.00 for filmstrips and discussion guides for the year; 24 other issues available at $5.00 each; $4.00 to subscribers

GATEWAYS TO READABLE BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Ruth Strang
The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyrights 1944, 1952, 1958, 1966

PURPOSE:

To provide a bibliography for retarded adolescent readers. The books listed here should encourage wide reading that will increase fluency, build vocabulary, and contribute to personal development through the content of these selected references

SCOPE:

More than 1,000 titles (75 percent new titles) are included to provide for the wide range of interests found among adolescent boys and girls who have reading difficulty

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Topics range from adventure to careers to humor to world problems and include areas of widest interest. There are also sections on reading texts, magazines, newspapers, and simplified dictionaries

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Fare for the Reluctant Reader

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Annotations are designed to arouse the student's interest. The estimated grade level of each book is indicated

EVALUATION:

An excellent source, a necessity for anyone working with students who have reading difficulties

COST:

$5.00

GENERAL ENCYCLOPEDIAS IN PRINT:
a comparative analysis

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

S. Padraig Walsh
R. R. Bowker Company
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual

PURPOSE:

To provide a practical guide in the choice of a general encyclopedia

SCOPE:

This tool is restricted to 34 works of a general encyclopedia nature published in the U. S. and retailing for $25.00 or more. Smaller and less expensive works are described only briefly

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

How to choose an encyclopedia, suggested age suitability chart, methods of arrangement, encyclopedias in order of size, in order of cost–followed by detailed information about each encyclopedia arranged in order of recommendation

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Winchell Guide to Reference Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Includes approximate production costs of each work, a list of other sources of information on encyclopedias and a bibliography of periodical articles about encyclopedias

EVALUATION:

Invaluable to the librarian or teacher confronted with the task of selecting an encyclopedia

COST:

$3.00

GOLD STAR LIST OF AMERICAN FICTION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Syracuse Public Library
Syracuse, New York 13202

PUBLICATION DATA:

1964

PURPOSE:

To provide a bibliography of books describing the American scene through fiction

SCOPE:

Approximately 800 books—some old and some new—which are characterized by good literary style and in most cases with some phase in the development of our country

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Part 1, American novels listed alphabetically by author; part 2, a subject listing of these same books. Covers adventure, business and industry, character studies, cheerful stories, country and village life, crime and mystery, the depression, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Historical Fiction

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Annotations short but give a clear picture of the story; lists gold star books of 1963; wide coverage of subjects

EVALUATION:

A good listing of some of the better American fiction

COST:

$1.25

GOOD BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, THIRD EDITION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Mary K. Eakin
University of Chicago Press
5750 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60637

PUBLICATION DATA:

Although not actually preceded by another tool, it is based on selections in the Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books during 1950-1965. Published 1966

PURPOSE:

To list and annotate the "best" children's books that were reviewed in the Bulletin during 1950-1965, "books noteworthy from one point of view or another"

SCOPE:

The reading age is from preschool through high school. Almost 1400 titles have been chosen, annotated, and appraised. All books listed are currently in print. Both fiction and nonfiction titles are included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Selections are listed in alphabetical order by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Basic Book Collections

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Subject and title indexes; full bibliographical information with appropriate grade levels. Subject headings reflect curriculum topics, children's interests, social and developmental values

EVALUATION:

A well-balanced collection of good books could be obtained from this highly selective listing. The fine print makes it somewhat difficult to use

COST:

$7.95; $2.95 paper

GOOD READING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

J. Sherwood Weber, Editor
College English Association
New American Library
1301 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10019

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyrights 1935, 1937, 1938, 1941, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1951, 1952, 1954, 1958, 1960, 1964

PURPOSE:

To provide a checklist whereby one may evaluate his past reading and keep a record of the progress of his own intellectual growth

SCOPE:

First, this book presents a list of 100 significant books that many people have found rewarding to know. The main portion, concerning historical and regional cultures, presents introductory material and booklists from different parts of the world. The second portion is subdivided by type of literature. Here again are presented booklists and introductory material for every division

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The subject headings cover the different regions and cultures of the world and all the different forms of literature

SIMILAR TOOLS:

College and Adult Reading List

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Gives advice on how to improve reading skills; key to paperbound and other inexpensive editions; and booklists for every section with bibliographical data and annotations

EVALUATION:

It would prove valuable for the advanced reader and anyone engaged in providing reading guidance for this age group because of its quality and extensive coverage

COST:

$4.00, Bowker (Hardbound)
$.75, New American Library (Paperbound); also available from National Council of Teachers of English, 508 South Sixth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820

GOOD READING FOR PARENTS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

National Congress of Parents and Teachers
700 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1960

PURPOSE:

Presents materials designed to promote better understanding by parents of all facets of the child's world

SCOPE:

A listing of approximately 200 titles that will help parents help their children

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Babies and young children, the school age child, adolescents, music and art, exceptional children, adult leadership, the world around us

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Annotated; full bibliographical data

EVALUATION:

A reading list that should be of value and of interest to all parents

COST:

$.15

GOOD READING FOR POOR READERS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

George Spache
Garrard Publishing Co.
862 Scarsdale Avenue
Scarsdale, New York

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1954, 3rd edition 1962; 4th edition 1964; 5th edition 1966

PURPOSE:

This work represents an attempt to pool the experience of many teachers and clinicians in seeking new or better teaching materials that will appeal to poor readers

SCOPE:

Presents eight bibliographies of reading materials that have had wide use and strong recommendations including trade books useful with poor readers, magazines and newspapers, series books, book clubs, indexes and reading lists, programed materials, adapted simplified materials and textual materials

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Entered under such subject headings as adventure, Africa, Alaska, etc. Entries under adapted and textual materials are alphabetical; books on personal problems are grouped according to the type of problem

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Gateways to Readable Books; Fare for the Reluctant Reader

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Includes author, title, level, index, and publishers directory. Discusses Spache readability formula

EVALUATION:

This tool is valuable to anyone engaged in the instruction of remedial reading or with classroom situations, especially from grades 4-7

COST:

$3.50

GROWING UP WITH BOOKS:
300 books every child should have a chance to enjoy

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual revision each September

PURPOSE:

This is a buying list presenting the best loved books for children; it is to guide parents in their purchase and to encourage parents to build home libraries for their children

SCOPE:

This booklet presents 300 general titles for all age ranges. It presents both old and new favorites and several series

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

For the youngest, ages 3-5, 5-9, 9-12, and 12-up; contains various subdivisions according to age interests

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Book Bait; Children's Books Too Good to Miss

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Annotations and full bibliographical information. Small, compact, and inexpensive

EVALUATION:

Excellent limited coverage; a must because of its rigorous annual revision

COST:

$4.15 per 100 plus postage

GROWING UP WITH SCIENCE BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

4th edition; 36 pages; annual in September

PURPOSE:

To present the best of recent science books. For use as flyers and giveaway material

SCOPE:

Includes the best of the Children's Catalog and Library Journal. Mentions 300 titles

EVALUATION:

Handy reference and selection aid

COST:

100 copies $3.75

GUIDE TO LITERATURE FOR CHARACTER TRAINING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Edwin Starbuck and Frank Shuttleworth
The Macmillan Company
60 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York 10011

PUBLICATION DATA:

Vol. I, 1928; vol. 2, 1930

PURPOSE:

Designed to present the world's "best" literature which will be enjoyed by children and provide character training

SCOPE:

Volume 1 is a selected list of the world's fairy tales, animal stories, myths, etc., and a guide to those who direct the recreational reading of children. Volume 2 is a guide to the "best" in children's fiction

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The first major sections present graded subject lists. The next section is divided into "situations" such as authority, elders, justice, mother-daughter, etc., and presents applicable titles for the different age groups.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Graded lists with annotations; presents a large number of titles; unique choice of topic headings

EVALUATION:

Obviously this tool is dated; but it did attempt to present the best of children's literature up to the date of publication. The choice of topic headings might have been improved

COST:

Each volume $2.00

GUIDE TO PAPERBACKS ON ASIA

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Ainslie T. Embree, Editor
The Asia Society
112 East 64th Street
New York, New York 10021

PUBLICATION DATA:

April 1964; supplement 1966

PURPOSE:

With so much literature available on Asia, the Society is using this booklist to assist those who are attempting to increase their understanding of Asian cultures and peoples

SCOPE:

Consists almost exclusively of books published in the U. S. plus a few selected pamphlets. In general novels are not included unless of special value. Periodicals are not listed

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Contains sections dealing with the general topic of Asia: South Asia, Southeast Asia, East Asia, and Oceania. Each section is then devoted to the literature dealing with specific countries which are listed in alphabetical order under the general area

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Although not definitive; *Paperbound Books in Print*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Author index, index of publishers. Each book listed has a brief annotation. Includes a 1966 Supplement

EVALUATION:

An excellent guide to the subject area

COST:

$.50

GUIDE TO REFERENCE BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Constance M. Winchell
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

8th edition, 1967

PURPOSE:

To serve as a reference aid for the research worker; a library school textbook; and a selection aid for the librarian

SCOPE:

A selection of approximately 8,000 titles designed to serve the needs of a large general reference library and covering all disciplines

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

A modified Dewey classification and within each subject area books are arranged according to type

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Unique; although many other books are devoted to reference tools, none is so extensive

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Complete bibliographical information with annotations describing the contents and arrangement; all entries included are recommended; author-title index

EVALUATION:

This is the most important tool in the guide to reference book publications

COST:

Price to be announced June 1967

GUIDE TO SCIENCE READING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Hilary J. Deason
American Association for the Advancement of Science
New American Library of World Literature
1301 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10017

PUBLICATION DATA:

Second revised edition November 1967

PURPOSE:

To provide an annotated list of the best of scientific literature which is currently available in paperback

SCOPE:

Covers all areas of the sciences—pure and applied—extensively

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey classification

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Science Books: A Quarterly Review

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Author and title index; contains essays on science in general and in particular branches of science. Complete bibliographical data

EVALUATION:

An excellent and comprehensive listing of paperback science books

COST:

$.75

GUIDE TO THE LITERATURE OF CHEMISTRY

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Evan Jay Crane, and others
John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
605 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10020

PUBLICATION DATA:

Second edition, 1957

PURPOSE:

This tool provides a foundation for a literature search, in that it describes basic collections. It will serve as a checklist, and should be especially helpful for the layman using specialized tools in science

SCOPE:

Includes trade and technical literature and government publications. Directed especially to the college library building a basic collection, but public libraries with substantial budgets will also benefit

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Explains the use, importance, and limitations of chemical literature

EVALUATION:

A must for conducting a well-organized literature search

COST:

$8.95

GUIDE TO THE LITERATURE OF MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS INCLUDING RELATED WORKS ON ENGINEERING & SCIENCE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Nathan G. Parke
Dover Publications, Inc.
180 Varick Street
New York, New York 10014

PUBLICATION DATA:

1958; 2nd revised edition; 1st edition was 1947

PURPOSE:

To provide a full bibliography with discussions of the literature under each heading

SCOPE:

Over 5,000 entries under approximately 12 subject headings, subdivided by an average of 6 subheadings, for each branch of physics, mathematics and related engineering sciences

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Includes acoustics, actuarial math, algebra (five different kinds), astronomy, physics, ballistics, bibliographical aids, biological problems, calculus, chemistry, economics, hydrodynamics, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Discussions of the literature under each heading; many recent Russian works included. Citations include author, title, edition, publisher, place, date, etc. Bibliographical aids such as indexes directories, library resources, reviews

COST:

$2.75

GUIDES TO NEWER EDUCATIONAL MEDIA: films, filmstrips, phonorecords, radio, slides and television

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Margaret I. Rufsvold and Carolyn Guss
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1961

PURPOSE:

Identifies and describes all the available catalogs, lists, services, professional organizations, journals, and periodicals which provide information on audiovisual aids

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Lists the most valuable audiovisual sources for all ages. Arranged by subject

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Nothing similar

EVALUATION:

A basic guide

COST:

$1.50, paper

HISTORICAL FICTION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Hannah Logasa
McKinley Publishing Co.
Brooklawn, New Jersey 08030

PUBLICATION DATA:

8th edition in 1964

PURPOSE:

This is a guide for junior and senior high schools and colleges, as well as for the general reader, to the wide field of historical fiction

SCOPE:

Consists of fiction for the young readers, high school readers college readers, and the general reader. Presents books on ancient history, medieval and modern Europe, Canada, Latin America, the United States, etc. These areas are subdivided chronologically

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Divisions comply with periods of history, ancient to modern

SIMILAR TOOLS:

To a limited extent, *Good Reading*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Over 1,200 new titles have been added to this volume, many of which are on the college level

EVALUATION:

Very useful for guiding the reader of all ages to the historical fiction of all times and all countries. Especially valuable for the gifted student

COST:

$8.50

HISTORICAL NON-FICTION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Hannah Logasa
McKinley Publishing Co.
Brooklawn, New Jersey 08030

PUBLICATION DATA:

8th revised edition, 1964

PURPOSE:

Designed especially to help teachers organize units of subject matter for courses in history

SCOPE:

Lists books suitable for upper elementary grades through college. Complements Historical Fiction and attempts to include books dealing with all factors that were influential in determining the course of history, including environment, culture, physical and economic manifestations that help to explain historical happenings

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Divided into sections dealing with prehistoric times; ancient history, Europe, Canada, Latin America, the United States, etc. Further subdivisions under each broad grouping by periods. Books arranged alphabetically by author under each subheading

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Historical Fiction

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Symbols used to denote age levels and those of special value. Bibliographical information limited to author, title, publisher and date. One-sentence annotations for each book listed

EVALUATION:

Excellent for introducing the student to any phase of history and for supplementing classroom teaching

COST:

$8.50

HORN BOOK MAGAZINE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The Horn Book Inc.
585 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

PUBLICATION DATA:

Published six times a year, first appeared in 1924

PURPOSE:

To review, recommend, and evaluate children's books and to present articles of interest to selectors of children's books

SCOPE:

It presents recommended books of all types and for children of all age levels. Also contains articles which are of interest on current trends, authors, and illustrators

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Books are sectioned according to the type of book; picture, folk tales, biographies, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Booklist; Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Indexed in Readers' Guide and Book Review Digest. Contains an index to books reviewed in each issue. Full bibliographical data and extensive annotations

EVALUATION:

Much advertising in each issue. Special writers often included. Good reviews

COST:

$6.00 per year

HORN BOOK SAMPLER ON CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND READING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Norma R. Fryatt
The Horn Book Inc.
585 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1959

PURPOSE:

This is, as the title suggests, a sampler of articles which have appeared in the Horn Book Magazine from 1924-1948

SCOPE:

Each selected article included has its own individuality and quality. The articles were judged for vivid, spare writing, for the expression of enduring truths about children and their books, with the hope that they would speak to today's parents, librarians, authors, and illustrators

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

How the story happened, artists of children's books, reviews and criticisms, fairy tales, for the parents, youth in the war, books for small children, poetry

SIMILAR TOOLS:

An Ample Field; Bequest of Wings; Books, Children and Men

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Some literary characters and authors are presented in unique fashion

EVALUATION:

Only brief booklists are given; however, it would be useful for the selector of books to check the articles in particular areas before making selections

COST:

$5.00

INDEX TO BOOK REVIEWS IN THE HUMANITIES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Phillip Thomson
836 Georgia Street
Williamston, Michigan 48895

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1960; now an annual, appearing each August

PURPOSE:

To index applicable book reviews appearing in American and foreign periodicals, with emphasis on scholarly periodicals

SCOPE:

Scans about 425 periodicals. Indexes book reviews in these areas: art and architecture; biography; personal narrative and memoirs; drama and dance; folklore; history; language; literature; music; philosophy; travel and adventure

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

None; listing is alphabetical by author of book reviewed

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive or devoted so exclusively

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Identification of reviewing periodical is by assigned number, with PMLA abbreviations added when available. Same book is carried from issue to issue as long as reviews continue to appear

EVALUATION:

Scans many foreign periodicals and periodicals of local interest. Excellent for the humanities

COST:

$12.75 per volume; post paid anywhere

INSIGHTS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

John G. Collins, Editor
Charles E. Merrill Books, Inc.
1300 Alum Creek Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43216

PUBLICATION DATA:

1966

PURPOSE:

To present varied selections of literary passages with which teenagers can identify

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Reading about people, reading about places, reading about problems. Each category discusses specific works, including study suggestions and composition topics

EVALUATION:

Provides vicarious adventures around the world through the excitement generated by the selections

COST:

$1.75 paperbound

INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH LITERATURE

vol. I: the beginnings of English literature to Skelton, 1509
vol. II: the English Renaissance 1510-1688
vol. III: Augustans and Romantics 1689-1830
vol. IV: the Victorians and after, 1830-1914

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Bonamy Dobrée, General Editor
W. L. Renwick, Harold Orton, Martyn Wakelyn, Volume I
V. de Sola Pinto, Bruce Pattison, Volume II
H. V. D. Dyson, John Butt, Geoffrey Webb, F. J. Fisher, H. A. Hodges, Volume III
Edith C. Batho, Bonamy Dobrée, Volume IV
Dover Publications, Inc.
180 Varick Street
New York, New York 10014

PUBLICATION DATA:

3rd revised edition, 1962-1966. First published 1938-1940

PURPOSE:

Bibliography of books written during period covered and recommended for reading, together with short critical notes; lists of critical works relating to the period. Introduction to the literature of the period in general

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Broken down into these categories: prose, poetry, criticism philosophy, political and economic thought, biography, diaries, letters, travel, drama, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Covers whole of English literature

COST:

Volume I, $4.50
Volume II, $5.00
Volume III, $4.50
Volume IV, $4.50
(Clothbound)

INTRODUCTORY READING GUIDE TO ASIA

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The Asia Society
112 East 64th Street
New York, New York 10021

PUBLICATION DATA:

First appeared in 1958; 2nd revised edition in 1962

PURPOSE:

To provide a selected list for the lay reader who is not a specialist in Asian affairs, but who is seeking basic information or pleasurable reading on those peoples and nations from Afghanistan to Japan

SCOPE:

A very inclusive guide to the many books available to Americans about Asian peoples and cultures. There are entries for over twenty cultures. Many significant works of a specialized nature have been included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Divisions are according to the different Asian countries

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Richer by Asia

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Paperbound editions, including code numbers when available. Full bibliographical information and annotation given for each entry

EVALUATION:

An extensive list for this particular area and a necessity for anyone dealing with the selection of books in this field

COST:

Single copy free

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY CATALOG

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began 1965; bound volume with four annual supplements

PURPOSE:

Designed to be a catalog of the most useful books for junior high school students and to serve the small and medium-sized library as a buying guide, a cataloging aid, index to the library collection, and to add proper subject headings

SCOPE:

Lists the most valuable books (fiction and nonfiction) in print for junior high school students

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Follows Dewey classification, abridged edition. Sears list of subject headings

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Other Standard Catalogs

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Part 1 is a classified catalog with full bibliographical information; Part 2 is an author, title, and subject index; Part 3 is a directory of publishers and distributors

EVALUATION:

Necessity for the junior high school and public library

COST:

1st edition, 1965, with four annual supplements—$20.00 U. S. and Canada; $25.00 foreign

LET'S READ TOGETHER:
books for family enjoyment

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Children's Services Division of ALA and National Congress of Parents and Teachers
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1960; 2nd edition 1964

PURPOSE:

To provide one means of guiding parents in their selection of books for family enjoyment and home purchase

SCOPE:

Includes books on a wide variety of subjects that will interest all ages and abilities. Includes sections on books about sex instruction, adoption, reference books, books for the traveling children, and books for the convalescent

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Twenty-two subject headings ranging from first songs and picture books to family stories, hobbies, historical fiction, and a section especially for parents

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Parents' Guide to Children's Reading; Bequest of Wings

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books are placed in age brackets covering three or four years to provide for wide age appeal of some books; sections devoted to parents are unusually good

EVALUATION:

One of the better tools

COST:

$1.50

LIBRARY JOURNAL

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

First appeared in 1876; issued 1st and 15th of each month except monthly in July and August

PURPOSE:

To give objective appraisals of events and developments in the library world and to give information on the practical aspects of librarianship and aid in book selection

SCOPE:

Reviews more than 6,000 titles annually, giving full bibliographical data and recommendations. Also provides advance annotated listings of more than 15,000 books a year. Emphasis in editorial sections is on news, controversial articles, illustrations, appointments, and necrology. Reviews recordings, pamphlets, equipment, etc. K-adult

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Follows Dewey classification

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive, combining book information services and professional material

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Index for the year in the last issue, calendar of events, budget lists, age groups, paperback books to come

EVALUATION:

Particularly useful to the small library and the teacher-librarian because of its extensive coverage. Emphasis in reviews is on adult materials useful to the medium-sized public and college library and children's books useful to school and children's libraries of all types

COST:

$10.00 per year

LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR BEGINNING INDEPENDENT READING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Mary K. Eakin
State College of Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

PUBLICATION DATA:

1966

PURPOSE:

To help teachers and librarians select books of good quality to serve as transitions from basal readers to full-length books

SCOPE:

182 titles; books for grades 1-3. Materials for the child to read himself; not read-aloud books

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

None; alphabetical arrangement by author. Title and series index

SIMILAR TOOLS:

I Can Read It Myself!

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Brief explanatory notes; criteria for selection of beginning independent reading books in introductory statement; reading levels indicated (Spache formula used)

EVALUATION:

Inexpensive, selective list. Does not attempt to be all inclusive, but indicates the best of what is available.

COST:

$1.00

LIBRARY MATERIALS FOR ELEMENTARY SCIENCE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Albert C. Haman and Mary K. Eakin
State College of Iowa
Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613

PUBLICATION DATA:

1964

PURPOSE:

To help teachers obtain interesting, reliable books in science to supplement a specific unit or topic of study in classroom teaching

SCOPE:

Includes elementary materials on physical sciences, biological science, and biographies of scientists. Considering the sophistication of the audience at this age and the fact that it is definitely for the teachers' classroom work, it seems to be very inclusive. Contains 710 titles

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetically by author under physical science, biological science, and biographies

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Science Book List for Children

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Where titles are ambiguous, gives a brief explanatory note. Bibliographies are not annotated; contains directory of publishers of materials listed

EVALUATION:

A very handy and inexpensive tool for each teacher to have for individual use

COST:

$1.00

LIBRARY TRENDS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

University of Illinois
Graduate School of Library Science
Urbana, Illinois

PUBLICATION DATA:

To provide articles by various specialists who attempt a synthesis and evaluation from different viewpoints—a forecast of things to come and a pointing up of areas in need of further investigation

SCOPE:

Each issue is devoted to one aspect of librarianship—service to readers, current trends in cataloging, book selection, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The extensive coverage of a single subject matter in one issue

EVALUATION:

Very limited in its capacity as a reviewing media, but contains many articles that are essential to the librarian

COST:

$6.00 per year

LIFETIME READING PLAN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Clifton Fadiman
World Publishing Co.
119 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1960

PURPOSE:

To present a lifetime reading plan which may take from one to fifty years to finish. The list is intended to be an important part of a whole life and is designed to help one avoid mental bankruptcy. It is designed to fill the mind with ideas of the greatest writers and intended for the American reader between the ages of 18 and 90.

SCOPE:

It is not in any absolute sense a list of the "best" books. There are 100 brief talks, using 500-1000 words, introducing each book. Covers from epics to contemporary writers

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The 100 titles are divided into nine groups such as the Middle Ages, contemporaries, plays, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

To some extent, *Good Reading*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Two booklists are included in the volume. The first is intended as a buying guide and the second as suggestions for further reading

EVALUATION:

The list would be of value to the advanced adolescent or adult reader who is interested in evaluating his reading. It gives an excellent discussion of 100 of the adult classics

COST:

$3.75

LITERARY MARKET PLACE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual

PURPOSE:

To provide a business directory of American book publishers

SCOPE:

Contains sales representatives, writer's conferences, American book publishers, Canadian book publishers, advertising agencies, author's agents, foreign publishers' agents, artists and art services, advertising, magazine and press associations, national associations, book clubs, book lists and catalogs, book manufacturing services, calendar of book trade events, columnists and commentators, direct mail and promotion specialists, free lance editorial work, literary prizes and awards, periodicals and newspapers, radio and TV programs featuring books, translators, and book dealers

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The listing of names and firms dealing in special fields of the broad book publishing industry

EVALUATION:

Often very valuable to the librarian even though it is not a reviewing medium.

COST:

$7.45 net post paid

LITERATURE STUDY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Dwight L. Burton
Holt, Rinehart and Winston, Inc.
383 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1959; 1964

PURPOSE:

To present a background of materials and ideas for the teaching of literature to the adolescent

SCOPE:

Attempts to provide selective coverage of many books dealing with the interests and reading habits of the adolescent and introduces materials suitable for literature study and leisure reading among young adults

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Literature of adventure, culture, social problems, fiction, biography, essays, poetry, drama, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Unreluctant Years

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Introductory passages are especially helpful to the teacher. Contains bibliographies of books representative of the subject headings that have been popular with adolescents. Refers to specific programs that schools have adopted

EVALUATION:

Good for giving the adult an understanding of the likes and dislikes of adolescents and for the critical evaluation of certain books in the literature program

COST:

$5.75

LONGER FLIGHT: a family grows up with books

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Annis Duff
The Viking Press
625 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published 1955, second printing 1956

PURPOSE:

To share the pleasure and profit one family had in companionship with books and one another

SCOPE:

The author introduces titles that were a part of her family experiences, along with additional suggested titles. The titles are presented with a philosophy of book selection

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The text is divided into twelve chapters with no explanation for the divisions

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Bequest of Wings

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Suggests books introduced in real life situations; appendix includes titles of books mentioned in the various chapters

EVALUATION:

Not an efficient book selection tool; however, it would be beneficial for parents to read and see how particular books, and reading in general, can be incorporated into family living while the children are growing up

COST:

$3.50

MATERIALS ANALYSIS PUBLICATION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Elaine Smith, Editor
Curriculum Advisory Service
823 South Wabash
Chicago, Illinois 60605

PUBLICATION DATA:

Monthly except June and July

PURPOSE:

To free the teacher from the textbook, encouraging an awareness that the textbook alone, however good, can never satisfy the needs of education

SCOPE:

Covers arithmetic, language arts, social studies texts, and trade books from grades 1-8. Covers about 30 books each issue

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Notes major topics covered by each book reviewed, major learning outcomes, curriculum application, instructional methods to employ and the advantages and disadvantages of the book under consideration

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The application of each book reviewed to a specific curriculum situation

EVALUATION:

The tool is excellent. It gives the teacher specific information on how to integrate library materials with the classroom work

COST:

$35.00 per year

MATHEMATICS LIBRARY: elementary and junior high school

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Clarence E. Hardgrove
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

PUBLICATION DATA:

1960 (a companion bibliography, High School Mathematics Library, is also available)

PURPOSE:

To suggest books that may serve to enrich the instructional program by providing sources of information and recreational reading

SCOPE:

Covers materials dealing with mathematical concepts from primary through junior high school grades. Books listed in the sections for intermediate and junior high school students are largely devoted to science and mathematics

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Books are listed alphabetically by author under primary, intermediate, and junior high schools

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Subject Index to Intermediate and Primary Grades; sections of the *Standard Catalog Series*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains directory of publishers; grade levels indicated; full bibliographical information; good annotations

EVALUATION:

An excellent source for literature involving mathematics

COST:

$.35

MONTHLY CATALOG

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

U. S. Superintendent of Documents
Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C. 20402

PUBLICATION DATA:

Appears monthly since 1895; title changed to *Monthly Catalog* in 1941

PURPOSE:

To keep the public informed on publications issued by all branches of government, including both the congressional and bureau publications

SCOPE:

65,000 different titles. In compliance with the Printing Act of June 2, 1895, all government publications are entered in the *Monthly Catalog*

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Previews, abbreviations, explanations, general information, how to order, new classification numbers, corrections for previous months, classified list of government authors, index

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None so extensive

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Index at the end of the year with L. C. card numbers. A section "previews" lists of important titles before they are issued. Entries appear under subject or title. Lists free materials

EVALUATION:

Rather difficult for the nonprofessional to use; subject index is not cumulative, but the publication is invaluable for libraries

COST:

$.50 per copy except December issue which contains an index; $4.50 per year

THE NEGRO IN THE UNITED STATES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

New York Public Library
Fifth Avenue and 42nd Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1925. The latest edition is the ninth, published in 1965. Earlier editions were entitled The Negro: A List of Significant Books and included books on Africa. Because of the increase in production of books by and about the Negro it was decided to limit the ninth edition to the United States and to supplement it with a revision of the Branch Library Book News on Africa (December 1965)

PURPOSE:

To provide an annotated list of books for adults by and about the Negro which are available in the NYPL branch system and in the Schomburg Collection of Negro Literature and History

SCOPE:

The current edition contains much history but emphasizes current situations, problems and solutions. Contains about 275 titles mainly nonfiction but some fiction

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

A breakdown of the main subject into broad headings, e.g., past re-examined, national challenge, equality now

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books about Negro Life for Children

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Indicates whether titles have been listed in Books for the Teen Age. Contains an author index. Includes publisher and date

EVALUATION:

A valuable list on an important subject. Combines the dual role of reading guide and selection tool

COST:

$.50

NEW ANNOTATED READING GUIDE FOR CHILDREN WITH PARTIAL VISION

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Lorraine Galisdorfer
Foster and Stewart Publishing Corp.
(Now Henry Stewart Inc.)
249 Bowen Road
East Aurora, New York 14052

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1950

PURPOSE:

This is a compilation of selected books for use in the education of the partially sighted

SCOPE:

Publications have been listed in accordance with certain factors important in securing maximum readability for students with visual impediments. Books selected must have ample leading or spacing between lines, words, and letters; paper without gloss; clarity of pictures; worthwhile content; and large type. A separate list is given of out-of-print books which can be obtained from libraries. Book has supplements to 1959

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Titles are listed according to type and subject of books: picture, fairy tales, arithmetic, reference, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books for Tired Eyes

SPECIAL FEATURES:

List of publishers, section of out-of-print books, size of type in each book

EVALUATION:

An excellent guide to the literature suitable for the visually handicapped

COST:

$1.00

NEW TECHNICAL BOOKS:
a selective list with descriptive annotations

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Dawn Pohlman, Editor
New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1915; issued bimonthly except August and September

PURPOSE:

Presents a selective list of new American imprints received by the NYPL in the field of science, with occasional supplements of foreign works

SCOPE:

Books described are selected by the reference department, science and technology divisions of the NYPL because they make a genuine contribution

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Arranged by broad Dewey decimal classes, e.g., aerodynamics, aerosols, algebra, etc., and numbered consecutively throughout the year

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Science booklists published by the AAAS

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Reviews are by librarians. Lists contents of books, L. C. catalog numbers. Occasional supplements: e.g., elementary college-level textbooks, or recent dictionaries

EVALUATION:

Very useful for spotting new technical books and anticipating demands. Easy to use because of arrangement

COST:

$5.00 per year

NEW YORK REVIEW OF BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

A. Whitney Ellsworth
250 West 57th Street
New York, New York 10019

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1963; biweekly except for 3-week frequency in July and August

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this publication is to review new books for readers who appreciate that serious discussion of books is an important activity. The reviewers are themselves a major force in American literature and thought

SCOPE:

There are about 15 extensive book reviews. Material reviewed is all adult literature with 2 children's book reviews each year. A few articles concerning different topics in the fields of literature and politics are included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

No distinct divisions but books dealing with the same theme are occasionally grouped together in a single review

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Frequency of publication and extensiveness of the review

SIMILAR TOOLS:

New York Times Book Review; Book Week

EVALUATION:

Good for keeping abreast of new books and current items of literary interest

COST:

$7.50 per year; $.40 per copy

NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The New York Times Company
229 West 43rd Street
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Weekly

PURPOSE:

To cover more books more promptly than any other reviewing medium and acquaint readers with current books

SCOPE:

Reviews from 30-60 books per issue. Reviewers are almost always specialists in the field covered by the book; fiction reviewers are usually outstanding fiction writers themselves. A balanced, informative appraisal is the goal of each review. Includes children's books, rare books, reprints, new editions, reference books, etc.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

General fiction, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Book Week; New York Review of Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Poets column, best sellers, queries and answers, paperback reviews; reviews are very comprehensive

EVALUATION:

Reviews more books promptly, quantitatively and thoroughly; is an excellent help for new publications; regarded as one of the solid factors in American book selection

COST:

$7.50 per year (as a separate publication)

NEWBERY AND CALDECOTT MEDAL BOOKS: 1956-1965

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Lee Natti
The Horn Book, Inc.
585 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1965

PURPOSE:

To bring up to date Newbery Medal Books: 1925-1955 and Caldecott Medal Books: 1938-1957

SCOPE:

Contents include the winners' speeches and biographies; also excerpts from and descriptions of each medal-winning book. Preface by Frederick G. Melcher. Critical essays by Elizabeth H. Gross, Carolyn Horovitz, and Norma Fryatt

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Chronological

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Newbery Medal Books: 1922-1955; Caldecott Medal Books: 1938-1957

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Important information on books and winners. Includes list of winners and runners-up of the awards since they were first given

EVALUATION:

Excellent for information dealing with Newbery and Caldecott books

COST:

$10.00

NEWBERY MEDAL BOOKS: 1922-1955

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Bertha Mahony Miller
The Horn Book, Inc.
585 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1955

PURPOSE:

This is the first of the Horn Book papers gathered from back issues of the Horn Book, with the intention of preserving articles that would eventually be out of print

SCOPE:

The introductory chapters present sketches of Frederic G. Melcher and John Newbery. The Newbery Medal winners from 1922-1955 are then presented. Full bibliographical information is given for each book that has won the prize. A book note, an excerpt from the book, the author's acceptance speech and a biographical sketch of the author are included for each book

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Chronological

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Caldecott Medal Books: 1938-1957; Newbery and Caldecott Medal Books: 1956-1965

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Very good source of information about each book and each author

EVALUATION:

Excellent for information dealing solely with the Newbery Award books

COST:

$10.00

NOTABLE BOOKS OF ———

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Notable Books Council
Adult Services Division
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual

PURPOSE:

To encourage better reading

SCOPE:

Contains about 50 books, fiction and nonfiction, that made a contribution to literature and general knowledge through their informational value, literary excellence, perception, and sincerity of presentation

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the many compilations for young adults and adults

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Very brief annotations

EVALUATION:

Excellent for public and college libraries as promotional material

COST:

50 for $3:50; 100, $5.00; 250, $10.00; 500, $16.00; 1000, $20.00; 2500, $60.00; 5000, $100.00

NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF ———

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Children's Services Division
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual; 1946 to the present

PURPOSE:

To aid parents, teachers, and children in selecting good reading material of interest and value to children

SCOPE:

Lists about 60 books, fiction and nonfiction, that are considered "superior" books of the year

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the many brief reading lists to guide children's reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Complete bibliographical information and short annotations

EVALUATION:

An excellent reading list that cannot be neglected because the cost makes it possible to use these lists as giveaway material

COST:

Printed in the April issues of the *ALA Bulletin* and *The Booklist and Subscription Books Bulletin.* Reprints available from ALA; single copy is free, 25 copies for $1.25

OCCUPATIONAL LITERATURE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Gertrude Forrester
The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

First edition under present title in 1954; revised in 1958, 1964

PURPOSE:

This book has been compiled to assist in acquainting youth with the sources of information about occupations and as a guide to teachers and counselors

SCOPE:

Brings together in a central index about 4,850 selected references to current occupational literature. The 1964 edition omits those publications no longer in stock unless they are outstanding or will be published again

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetically arranged by occupation

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Part 1 gives criteria used in compiling the book; part 2 gives directions for its use; part 3 tells how to index and file occupational literature; and part 4 tells how to use the annotations for guidance work. Contains a publishers' directory

EVALUATION:

Represents an excellent source of materials dealing with vocations

COST:

$8.50

OUTSTANDING BIOGRAPHIES FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Young Adult Services Division
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1965

PURPOSE:

To provide a very selective list of great biographies

SCOPE:

Lists about 60 of the classic and modern biographies. Most titles are available in paperback

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical listing by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the many pamphlets of "best" books available

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books listed alphabetically by author but the title is listed first in italics. Has very brief annotations and complete bibliographical data

EVALUATION:

Excellent. Economical enough so that it can be used as giveaway material

COST:

Single copy free, 40 copies for $1.00

OUTSTANDING BOOKS ON INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Industrial Relations Section
Princeton University
P. O. Box 248
Princeton, New Jersey 08540

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual

PURPOSE:

To select the outstanding books in the field of industrial relations that have been published during the year

SCOPE:

Contains about 15-20 books that the department of industrial relations feels have made a real contribution to the field, dealing with either specific areas or with wide generalities

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None devoted so specifically to the topic

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographical information and a rather extensive critical annotation of each book

EVALUATION:

An excellent selection of books on this specific topic

COST:

$.40

OUTSTANDING FICTION FOR COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Young Adult Services Division
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1965

PURPOSE:

To provide a very selective list of great novels

SCOPE:

Lists 60 of the classics and modern classics in the field of fiction. Most titles are available in paperback

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical listing by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the many pamphlets of "best" books available

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books listed alphabetically by author but the title is listed first in italics. Has very brief annotations and complete bibliographical data

EVALUATION:

Excellent. Economical enough so that it can be used as giveaway material

COST:

Single copy free, 40 copies for $1.00

OUTSTANDING THEATER FOR THE COLLEGE-BOUND

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Young Adult Services Division
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1966

PURPOSE:

To provide a selective list of outstanding plays and books about the theater

SCOPE:

Lists about 40 classic and modern dramas and about 15 books about the theater

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Arranged chronologically

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Has brief annotations and complete bibliographical information

EVALUATION:

Excellent. Available as an inexpensive reprint

COST:

Single copy is free, 40 copies for $1.00

PAPERBOUND BOOK GUIDE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Issued from the offices of Publisher's Weekly and Library Journal
R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

1967; issued annually in April

PURPOSE:

This is designed as an aid to the high school teacher in making use of the increasing number of titles which are now available in attractive low cost, soft cover editions, and appropriate for secondary school students

SCOPE:

A selective subject guide to over 4,300 inexpensive reprints and originals chosen especially for secondary school use by 121 cooperating publishers. Only titles of particular interest to the junior and senior high school have been included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Four main groupings: language arts, social studies, science and mathematics; also arts, crafts, sports, and humor. The titles are listed under subdivisions of these main groupings

SIMILAR TOOLS:

The most extensive listing of paperbacks for this age group; many other listings of paperbacks are available

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographical data about each title listed; directory of cooperating publishers

EVALUATION:

A very thorough guide into the myriad of paperbound books which are available today. It provides a useful service in presenting these titles which are applicable to classroom use

COST:

Single copies free to teachers, librarians. Otherwise $.50 per copy

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S READING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Nancy Larrick
Doubleday and Co., Inc.
Garden City, New York

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1958

PURPOSE:

This is a handbook to give detailed answers to the questions parents ask about their children's reading. Throughout the book specific activities which frequently help children to read with greater skill and with continuing pleasure are suggested in the light of what is known about the way children grow and the way they learn

SCOPE:

The major portion of the book presents reading in conjunction with the different stages of the child's development. The other sections are devoted to building the home library and book selection, modern methods of teaching reading, and magazines and books for children

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

There are many headings and subheadings under the chapter titles which break each section into its important phases: preschool to grade 6, books for family fun, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Teacher's Guide to Children's Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains passages and illustrations from suggested books. The book and magazine list at the back present full bibliographical information as well as annotations

EVALUATION:

A very appealing book, one which parents and teachers would find enjoyable and profitable to read, although some portions are outdated

COST:

$3.95

PATTERNS IN READING:
an annotated book list for young adults

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Jean Carolyn Roos
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

First appeared in 1954; 2nd edition 1961

PURPOSE:

To offer young people a chance to discover good books for themselves and thus make them better readers; to develop better human relations, civic responses, and leadership

SCOPE:

Lists books in 75 reading interest areas for all types of readers from early high school to late teens. Approximately 1,600 titles are listed

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetically under subjects of interest to young adults with index listing authors and titles

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Reading Ladders for Human Relations; Books for You

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books are listed in a pattern with the easier books in each area listed first; the books get progressively more comprehensive. Includes nonfiction as well as fiction. Full bibliographical information and annotations

EVALUATION:

Excellent; allows the reader to begin with the more elementary phase of a subject and progress according to his desires

COST:

$2.25

PROOF IN THE PUDDING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Phyllis Fenner
John Day Co., Inc.
62 West 45th Street
New York, New York

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1937

PURPOSE:

This is a book for the adults who buy or borrow books for children. It is about some of the best loved books of all times, telling a little about them, why the child loves them, and approximately how old a child is when he is ready to read them

SCOPE:

The first section presents books on bringing children and books together—pleasure reading and reference—written in a simple style to give the nonprofessional some background in children's literature. The main portion of the book is divided by type of book—picture, adventure, classics, etc. This tool does not propose to be complete or to present all of the best literature; it is intended to be a starting point for the book selector

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Correspond to the type of book; picture, folk and fairy tales, adventure, poetry, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

An Ample Field; Adventuring with Books; A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Gives a detailed and complete annotation. Good introductory articles on children and books. Full bibliographical information given for each book

EVALUATION:

This book is more appealing to the nonprofessional book selector due to its unsophisticated presentation. In every chapter is a glimpse of fun, challenge, and exhilaration

COST:

$3.95

PUBLISHERS' TRADE LIST ANNUAL

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annually since 1872

PURPOSE:

To provide complete information regarding the books which are currently available, backlist and recently published

SCOPE:

A publisher's record of the books available in the U. S. The amount of information given for each book depends upon the policy of the publisher's catalog

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Each publisher is listed alphabetically; all publishers who wish to participate have their catalogs and lists bound together in four volumes

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Cumulative Book Index; Books in Print

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Since 1948 indexed annually by Books in Print; author entry usually more detailed than title entry

EVALUATION:

A very useful publishers' list of books in print which is made substantially more valuable by its two indexes

COST:

$11.50 per four-volume set; companion volumes *Books in Print* $18.50; *Subject Guide to Books in Print* $17.50

PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY: the American book trade journal

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Weekly since 1872 (51 issues)

PURPOSE:

To provide the following material weekly: ideas, editorials, articles, forecasts, booklists, and every service necessary to keep those in the book business abreast of the field. The official organ of the book trade

SCOPE:

A listing of the new books published the previous week. Also provides tips, previews, promotional material, sales records, and any other information pertinent to the book trade industry

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by author

SIMILAR TOOLS:

None weekly; *Book Buyer's Guide,* monthly

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Forecasts, announcements and advance information, promotional plans. Back volumes usually available on microfilm.

EVALUATION:

Very useful and necessary for the book trade and large libraries

COST:

$15.00 per year

READER'S ADVISER (formerly *Bookman's Manual, Bessie Graham's Bookman's Manual, and Reader's Adviser and Bookman's Manual)*

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Hester Hoffman
R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1921; periodic revisions; 10th edition 1964

PURPOSE:

Originally planned for booksellers, but changed so as to be exceedingly helpful to students because of the systematic treatment of a carefully selected list of good books of all times and on all subjects

SCOPE:

A guide to all the best literature. Historical and cultural information, literary taste, and changing trends are noted. Each edition has been expanded

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The important in-print works of the world's greatest authors are arranged under 34 major subjects, periods, and fields of knowledge, e.g., philosophy, essays, modern drama, modern American fiction, etc.; 5 chapters are devoted to reference works

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Best Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Author entries are arranged chronologically with full bibliographical data and annotation; suggests further readings; gives current prices

EVALUATION:

A guide to the best in print for adult readers. Essential in the public and college library

COST:

$20.00

READING LADDERS FOR HUMAN RELATIONS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Muriel Crosby
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036
(Sponsored by and available from NCTE)

PUBLICATION DATA:

Fourth edition, 1963

PURPOSE:

To make it possible to offer the child the right book at the right time, one which will help open up a new world of understanding and sensitivity to the problems of themselves and others

SCOPE:

From very young readers to mature readers—sections for each of 5 age groups under each heading. An effort has been made to include books that will assist young people to understand neighbors around the world

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

How it feels to grow up, the individual and the group, the search for values, feeling at home, living with change, living as free people

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Social Understanding through Literature

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Helpful discussions on use of books and use of "ladders"; each title listed has a short annotation

EVALUATION:

Extremely good choice of books for reading in this field; covers all facets very well

COST:

$2.50 paper; $4.00 cloth

READING LIST FOR COLLEGE-BOUND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English
Wisconsin State University
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902
Or, order from National Council of Teachers of English, 508 South Sixth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

No date

PURPOSE:

To make available to high school students a listing of books commonly mentioned by college teachers as books they would most like their students to have read before coming to college

SCOPE:

Lists about 100 books suggested by about 300 Wisconsin teachers. Certain standard works commonly read in high school have not been included in this list as it was taken for granted that high school students would have studied these works

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical

SIMILAR TOOLS:

College Preparatory Reading List and many others

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Gives the comments made by college teachers as reasons for selecting some of these books as most valuable

EVALUATION:

A good listing to guide the college-bound student; because of its price a necessity in high school libraries

COST:

$.05 each; 25 for $1.00; only in quantity lots from NCTE

READING WITH CHILDREN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Anne Thaxter Eaton
The Viking Press
625 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1940; 8th printing in 1952

PURPOSE:

This book is a guide to children's literature for parents, teachers and librarians

SCOPE:

The book spans the different types of children's literature from picture books to poetry, art, and music. There are no subheadings and suggested books are intermingled with the author's comments on books in general for a particular area of interest

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Although the books are sectioned according to type (picture, fairy tale, etc.) the subject headings do not readily reveal the type of book presented in a particular chapter, e.g., betwixt and between; unicorns and common creatures, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

An Ample Field; Bequest of Wings

SPECIAL FEATURES:

At the end of every chapter books mentioned in that chapter are listed

EVALUATION:

A good treatment of child-literature relationships, but the informality of this tool makes it rather difficult to locate books readily

COST:

$4.50

RECOMMENDED READING ABOUT CHILDREN AND FAMILY LIFE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Child Study Association of America, Inc.
9 East 89th Street
New York, New York 10028

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual; published December 1966

PURPOSE:

A fully annotated guide to nearly 200 publications of critical importance in the fields of child development and parent education in the context of good emotional health. Selections cover period through fall 1966

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Covers all age levels and many aspects of this field: family planning; family life; the middle years: six to twelve; sex education and development; reading and television; school problems and the family; etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children's Book Shelf

EVALUATION:

The only available reference list to professional books and pamphlets in the field of child development and family life

COST:

$.75

REFERENCE BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Ralph Perkins
Department of Library Education
University of North Dakota
Grand Forks, North Dakota

PUBLICATION DATA:

1965

PURPOSE:

To provide a realistic approach to the nonprofessional who is interested in finding the answer to specific questions on locating information

SCOPE:

Covers approximately 200 common and generally available reference books. Does not cover general encyclopedias or general dictionaries. Contains a representative selection of all areas of knowledge

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Arranged alphabetically by title of reference book

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Many listing reference books and giving a short annotation but none listing specific questions that can be answered by the use of each reference book

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains subject and topical indexes to facilitate use by nonprofessional librarians. Lists 10 questions that can be answered by using each book listed. Contains only reference tools that are usually available in college, public, and good high school libraries

EVALUATION:

Perhaps the most meaningful guide to reference books that has been published for use by college students and lay adults

COST:

$3.00

SATURDAY REVIEW

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Saturday Review, Inc.
380 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10017

PUBLICATION DATA:

First appeared in 1924; weekly

PURPOSE:

A literary magazine to be used as a reference source for reviews; a periodical which gives continuous attention to the background of world and national affairs

SCOPE:

Has a wide and varied scope in the fine arts and current affairs. Scholarly and thoughtful editorials. Reviews in all fields of literature and entertainment—however, very limited in adolescent literature

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

S. R. ideas, editorials, book reviews, departments

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Atlantic Monthly; Harper's; New York Review of Books; New York Times Book Review

SPECIAL FEATURES:

During each month it includes an education supplement, science supplement, communications supplement, and recording supplement

EVALUATION:

Limited coverage, perhaps, for books used in classrooms on the secondary level, but the magazine shares the national spotlight in reviewing media

COST:

$8.00 per year

SCIENCE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Association for the Advancement of Science
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

PUBLICATION DATA:

Weekly

PURPOSE:

The official publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science

SCOPE:

Covers all the physical sciences as well as education, information and communication, and statistics

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Book review section is divided into biological and medical science, mathematics, physical sciences, engineering, and general books

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Many similar tools, although this is published more frequently than others

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Provides a weekly checklist of scientific publications arranged in broad subject areas. Indexed in Reader's Guide. No annotations but full bibliographical information

EVALUATION:

A useful tool for selection in a highly specialized area

COST:

$8.50 per year; $7.00 for the school year

SCIENCE BOOK LIST FOR CHILDREN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Hilary Deason
American Association for the Advancement of Science
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

PUBLICATION DATA:

Revised edition 1963; 112 pages

SCOPE:

Recreational and collateral reading through grade 8; no textbooks. A buying guide for libraries and parents. Also designed for adoption as a buying list for NDEA funds. Includes periodicals, and full bibliographical information

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Modified Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Science Book List for Young Adults; A Guide to Science Reading

EVALUATION:

Provides authoritative reference, up to date, inclusive—an excellent listing

COST:

$1.50 paper; $2.50 cloth

SCIENCE BOOK LIST FOR YOUNG ADULTS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Association for the Advancement of Science
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

PUBLICATION DATA:

1964

PURPOSE:

Promote public understanding of science and improve science education; provide challenging collateral reading and authoritative references for students, faculty, and nonprofessional readers; and to provide guidance for NDEA purchases

SCOPE:

Descriptive annotated list of 1,377 books covering encyclopedias and all areas of pure and applied science

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Science Book List for Children; A Guide to Science Reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains articles on libraries and science education; how to develop the science collection; evaluation and selection of materials

EVALUATION:

Up to date and very inclusive—an excellent listing

COST:

$2.50 paper; $3.50 bound

SCIENCE BOOKS:
a quarterly review

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Association for the Advancement of Science
1515 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began 1965; quarterly

PURPOSE:

To promote the improvement of science education and of public understanding of science

SCOPE:

Covers all areas of science for all ages. Each issue of about 80 pages reviews 200-250 books—both recommended and not recommended

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Dewey arrangement

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Science Book List for Children; Science Book List for Young Adults; A Guide to Science Reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Critical annotations; symbols used to rate and give age levels; gives comparison of books and reasons for recommending or for not recommending

EVALUATION:

Excellent coverage of the new science books

COST:

$4.50 per year; additional copies to the same address $3.00 per year

SOCIAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGH LITERATURE

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

G. Robert Carlsen
National Council for the Social Studies
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

PUBLICATION DATA:

March 1954; bulletin #28

PURPOSE:

This bulletin was prepared to meet the need of social studies and core teachers for imaginative literature and biography that illustrate the issues around which modern problems courses are built

SCOPE:

Since courses of study differ, the areas of the booklist are broad and general. A total of 474 titles are included. The list includes readable and suitable adolescent literature and many adult materials that are usable in the social studies classwork

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The list is divided into seven parts concerning the individual and different situations, e.g., the individual and his immediate environment

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Descriptive annotations show areas in which the book could be used in the classroom

EVALUATION:

Although published in 1954, the titles listed and the areas covered are not especially dated; the tool represents an excellent selection guide

COST:

$1.25

SOMETHING SHARED: children and books

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Phyllis Fenner
John Day Co., Inc.
62 West 45th Street
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

1959

PURPOSE:

To present a personal treasury of stories, articles and cartoons

SCOPE:

Here is the author's personal collection of things that she found useful in working with children and their teachers, parents, and librarians. They have to do with children and books, stories revealing the inner feelings of a child, articles on the joys and problems of reading, and the importance of books in the child's background. It includes recent entries and some out-of-print materials that can be found nowhere else

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Correspond to different situations involving children and books: a shared experience, what is imagination, a book talk, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Bequest of Wings; Longer Flight

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Covers a broad range of material dealing with children's literature. Eleven amusing cartoons

EVALUATION:

Contains no listing of books but it contributes to the teacher's understanding of the child's reaction to literature

COST:

$4.50

SPECIAL LIBRARIES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Special Libraries Association
31 East 10th Street
New York, New York 10003

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1910; monthly September through April, bimonthly May through August

PURPOSE:

To keep abreast of new developments and publications in the field of special librarianship and to inform membership of Association policies and activities

SCOPE:

General articles on problems of organization and administration of special libraries, news, and bibliographies. Critical reviews of material pertinent to the association and an annotated list of other new publications

SIMILAR TOOLS:

To some extent, *Library Journal* and *ALA Bulletin*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Index in the front of each volume; also cumulated index

EVALUATION:

Useful for news in the technical aspects of library work

COST:

$12.50 per year; $14.00 foreign; $2.00 single copy

STANDARD CATALOG FOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARIES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began 1926; basic editions about every five years with five annual paper supplements

PURPOSE:

Designed to be a catalog of the most useful books in the field which it covers and to serve the small and medium-sized library as a buying guide; a cataloging aid; index to the library collection; and to add proper subject headings

SCOPE:

Lists the most valuable books (fiction and nonfiction) in print for senior and junior high school students

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Follows Dewey classification, abridged edition. Sears list of subject headings

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Other Standard Catalogs

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Part 1 is a classified catalog with full bibliographical information; Part 2 is an author, title, and subject index; Part 3 is a directory of publishers and distributors

EVALUATION:

A necessity for the school and public library

COST:

8th edition, 1962, with five annual supplements—$15.00, U. S. and Canada; $18.00, foreign

8th edition with Catholic Supplement, 1962, with five annual supplements—$20.00, U. S. and Canada; $25.00, foreign

9th edition in preparation. Publication date: summer 1967 with new title, Senior High School Library Catalog

STANDARD CATALOG FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Originated as a concept in 1918; began publication under present title in 1934; 4th edition, 1958; 1959-1963 volume, 1964 (a cumulated supplement to the 4th edition, it may be used by itself), with four annual paper supplements

PURPOSE:

Designed to be a catalog of the most useful books for adults on all subjects that should be represented in a public library. Further designed to serve the small and medium-sized library as a buying guide; a cataloging aid; index to the library collection; and to add proper subject headings

SCOPE:

Lists nonfiction titles in print, for adults

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Follows Dewey classification, abridged edition. Sears list of subject headings

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Other Standard Catalogs

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Part 1 is a classified catalog with full bibliographical information; Part 2 is an author, title, and subject index; Part 3 is a directory of publishers and distributors

EVALUATION:

A necessity for the small and medium-sized public library

COST:

4th edition, 1958–$30.00, U. S. and Canada; $35.00, foreign. 1959-1963 volume, 1964, with four annual supplements—$25.00, U. S. and Canada; $30.00, foreign

STORIES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Ellin Greene
New York Public Library
5th Avenue at 42nd Street
New York, New York 10018

PUBLICATION DATA:

6th edition in 1965 [1st edition 1927]

PURPOSE:

To provide a list of the best stories and poems suitable for telling and reading aloud

SCOPE:

This is a sampling of the large body of literature from which storytellers select the stories worthy of their art. In the main body of the list, picture books have been included only when the story can stand without the pictures

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The main portion of the book presents a list of stories to be told. The second section presents stories and poems to be read aloud

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Subject and Title Index to Short Stories; Arbuthnot, *Anthology of Children's Literature*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

A section for the storyteller includes a list of recordings by well-known storytellers or authors reading from their own works. Presents an alphabetical listing of stories, where they are found, and an annotation. Name and subject indexes

EVALUATION:

An excellent guide for the children's librarian or those engaged in the art of storytelling, but there is no division according to age level of the stories

COST:

$1.00

SUBJECT AND TITLE INDEX TO SHORT STORIES FOR CHILDREN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Julia F. Carter, Chairman
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1955

PURPOSE:

This is a tool to assist public and school librarians in locating stories on specific or related subjects, and in tracing hard to find stories

SCOPE:

Indexes 373 books. Important out-of-print titles have been included, since many are still available in libraries. The bulk of the book presents topics of interest and stories pertaining to that interest for children from grade three through the junior high school

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The book is divided into three parts: a list of the books indexed; subject index arranged alphabetically; and an index of stories arranged alphabetically by title

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Perhaps the greatest feature of this book is the large number of subject headings included, and the indexing, enabling the prospective user to locate stories on almost any desired topic, designates the age level to which the story collection is applicable

EVALUATION:

A necessity in any library with elementary school children in its clientele

COST:

$5.00

SUBJECT INDEX TO BOOKS FOR INTERMEDIATE GRADES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Mary K. Eakin
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

3rd edition 1963

PURPOSE:

Designed as a reference tool to be used by classroom teachers in identifying books that have value as teaching materials for grades four through six

SCOPE:

About 1,800 books are indexed. Emphasis was placed on trade books; textbooks have been included only when necessary in areas where coverage was considered inadequate. Folk, fairy tales, and poetry are not included

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The first portion lists the books indexed. The remainder of the book presents the subject index. Subjects are in alphabetical order

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Subject Index to Books for the Primary Grades

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographical and grade level information is given for each title followed by a simplified Dewey number or the abbreviation "fic." Very detailed; lists sections of books dealing with special topics. Cross indexed

EVALUATION:

A necessity for those working with this age child

COST:

$7.50

SUBJECT INDEX TO BOOKS FOR PRIMARY GRADES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Mary K. Eakin and Elinor Merritt
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

First edition 1943; 2nd edition 1961

PURPOSE:

Designed primarily for use by teachers and librarians working with teachers in finding materials suited to the classroom needs of children in kindergarten through grade 3

SCOPE:

The listings include new trade titles and textbooks as well as new editions. The list is selective and is intended as a guide to the content of books rather than as a purchasing guide. Poetry and folk tales are omitted

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The first portion of the book lists the books indexed. The remainder of the book presents the subject index. Subjects are in alphabetical order.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Subject Index to Books for Intermediate Grades

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Grade levels are given for all materials; indicates if material is for independent reading or to be read aloud; well indexed and contains many cross references enabling the user to locate material on a wide variety of topics

EVALUATION:

An absolute necessity for those working with primary age children

COST:

$4.50

SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS BULLETIN REVIEWS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Three editions covering 1956-1960; 1960-1962; 1962-1964. Publication dates 1961, 1962, 1964

PURPOSE:

Provide the Subscription Books Bulletin reviews in a convenient form for ready reference by librarians and to provide advisory service to librarians when selecting reference books

SCOPE:

Copies all reviews of reference books that have appeared in Booklist and Subscription Books Bulletin over a period of from two to three years. Covers reference books for all ages although the concentration is upon adult reference materials

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical by title

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographical data

EVALUATION:

A compact source of information about reference books, but it contains only what has been previously published

COST:

1st edition $2.25 paper; 2nd edition $1.50 paper; 3rd edition $2.00 paper

SUGGESTED PRECOLLEGE READING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

New England Association of Teachers of English
P. O. Box 246
Wellesley, Massachusetts 02181
Or, order from the National Council of Teachers of English, 508 South Sixth Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

Results of survey conducted in 1963-1964

PURPOSE:

To show high school students what reading background may be desirable when they enter college. The list is merely suggestive. There is no indication as to time or order of reading

SCOPE:

Includes about 150 suggestions, covering all aspects of literature

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Shakespeare, British Poets, American Poets, Prose and Drama

SIMILAR TOOLS:

College Preparatory Reading List and many others

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Suggested poets make this listing especially helpful

EVALUATION:

A good listing; valuable because of the low cost

COST:

20 copies $1.00, only in quantity lots from NCTE

TEACHER'S GUIDE TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Nancy Larrick
Charles E. Merrill Books, Inc.
1300 Alum Creek Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43216

PUBLICATION DATA:

1960

PURPOSE:

This book was written to help the teacher become better acquainted with the new children's books

SCOPE:

Includes children's books from grades 1-3

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

To meet its objectives, this book is divided into four parts: day in and day out from grade to grade, bringing children and books together, taking stock of your reading program, books for children and teachers. Under each main division there are many headings and subheadings spanning the child's reading development and interest

SIMILAR TOOLS:

A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains many illustrations; excellent index; references to individual poems, research projects, and illustrations. Many cross references

EVALUATION:

An appealing book particularly well suited to the needs of the classroom teacher in her work with children and books

COST:

$5.95; $2.95 paper

TECHNICAL BOOK REVIEW INDEX

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Special Libraries Association
31 East 10th Street
New York, New York 10003

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1935; monthly except July and August

PURPOSE:

To identify reviews in current scientific, technical, and trade journals, and, to quote from these reviews when feasible. Service is in the field of evaluation "not in competition with existing publications. . ."

SCOPE:

Quotes reviews of books pertinent to the fields and interests of special libraries—technical books in any and all fields. About 120 book reviews in each issue

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Book Review Digest

SPECIAL FEATURES:

No list of periodicals reviewed; gives length of review, e.g., 1/3 col. Indexed in Chemical Abstracts. Author index in December issue

EVALUATION:

Difficult and slow to use without title and subject indexes. If one knows the author, the review, if and when found, is good

COST:

$10.00 per year; foreign, $11.00; single copies $1.50

3300 BEST BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

R. R. Bowker Co.
1180 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

PUBLICATION DATA:

Annual

PURPOSE:

To present an extensive list of approved titles of children's literature, all currently available and annotated

SCOPE:

This comprises 3300 selected children's books in print that have long sustained popularity and timeliness, titles of recent years and selected books of last year. Adult titles for young people have been included on the same basis

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Arranged in three grade ranges: preschool through grade 3, grades 4-6, grades 7-12, special subjects

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Children's Books Too Good to Miss; Adventuring with Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books are indexed by title, author, illustrator, and by subject if a biography. Each book carries its own specific grade range. Includes full bibliographical data

EVALUATION:

One of the more complete and up-to-date selection aids for children's and adolescent literature. Major point of criticism is the advertising in the body of the book

COST:

$3.00; subscription to each annual edition for five years $10.00

TIMES (London) LITERARY SUPPLEMENT

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Times Publishing Co., Ltd.
Printing House Square
London, England

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1902; weekly

PURPOSE:

To give critical and scholarly reviews of books published in all countries

SCOPE:

Many reviews are outstanding for the quality of their criticism and the reviews are often quite frank—from the British point of view. Devotes more space to scholarly works than most reviewing media. Has considerable international coverage

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Art, literature, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

New York Times Book Review

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Critical and scholarly

EVALUATION:

An excellent source for scholarly books of British origin

COST (by air):

$10.00 per year

TOP OF THE NEWS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Children's Services Division
Young Adult Services Division
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Published quarterly; January, April, June, and November

PURPOSE:

Official journal of the Divisions of ALA with memberships including librarians working with children and young adults in all types of libraries

SCOPE:

Contains articles pertinent to materials and library services for children and young adults. Includes books, booklists, and audio-visual lists on many subjects and age levels; easy books for slow senior high school readers; adult books of 196....; significant for young people; etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

English Journal; Elementary English

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Edited with a view of being of practical use to teachers and librarians

EVALUATION:

Should be considered as essential for those working with the young adults and children

COST:

$1.25 per year (included in ALA membership dues)

TREASURE FOR THE TAKING

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Anne Thaxter Eaton
The Viking Press
625 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published in 1946; revised in 1957

PURPOSE:

To provide a list of books for children's reading to guide the adults who select the books for children

SCOPE:

Suggested are possible titles for books to build up the personal library of growing boys and girls; titles of books to be sought in public and school libraries; and, books which will help boys and girls pursue their hobbies and social interests

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

There are 64 headings which encompass the child's environment, interests, and amusements

SIMILAR TOOLS:

A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading; Teacher's Guide to Children's Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Many subject headings are followed by an explanatory paragraph to further aid the book selector. Some out-of-print books still available in libraries are included because of their unusual value or interest

EVALUATION:

A book that will prove beneficial to both parents and teachers in selecting good books and understanding child-book relationships

COST:

$5.00

TREASURY OF BOOKS FOR THE PRIMARY GRADES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Mildred A. Dawson
Chandler Publishing Co.
124 Spear Street
San Francisco, California 94105

PUBLICATION DATA:

1959

PURPOSE:

To present a list of books recommended for use as a basic library for children in kindergarten and primary grades

SCOPE:

A selective list of quality literature most likely to have a genuine appeal to young readers; contains 300 titles

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The list is divided into eight categories: books of verse, picture books, fanciful stories, animal stories, stories for fun, stories of other lands, American history, and miscellaneous stories

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Subject Index of Books for the Primary Grades; Basic Book Collection for Elementary Grades

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Full bibliographical data, annotations, recommended grade placement of books

EVALUATION:

Very helpful for teachers, librarians and parents who are intent on purchasing quality books on primary level

COST:

$1.00

UNDERSTANDING THE ATOM SERIES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

United States Atomic Energy Commission
Division of Technical Information
Washington, D. C. 20545

PUBLICATION DATA:

Ongoing series begun in 1961

PURPOSE:

To present answers to students and the lay public about atomic energy and the benefits mankind is realizing from this new force

SCOPE:

This series (39 titles) ranges from easy to technical; *Atoms in Agriculture* is suitable for fifth-sixth grade level; *Synthetic Transuranium Elements* is suitable for the high school student

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Each booklet treats a specific area of using atomic energy: *Atoms in Agriculture* and *Synthetic Transuranium Elements* are examples. Write to the address above for more specific information

SIMILAR TOOLS:

The series is not duplicated *per se.* Other sources contain similar information, but no single source treats atomic energy applications solely nor covers the scope presented in the "Understanding the Atom" series

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Each booklet has been prepared by scientific authorities, is illustrated fully, and includes suggested references and films on the subject treated

EVALUATION:

Well-written. Excellent as supplementary reading or to extend text coverage into newer uses of atomic energy

COST:

Teachers and librarians may request a complete set, preferably on school letterhead stationery. Generally, students are restricted to single copies of three titles. Direct requests to U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, P.O. Box 62, Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

UNRELUCTANT YEARS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Lillian H. Smith
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

1953

PURPOSE:

It is not intended to be an exhaustive guide to book selection for children; therefore, it contains no lists of suitable books for children. Rather it aims to consider children's books as literature, and to discover some of the standards by which they can be judged

SCOPE:

Presents the basic principles for good book selection and emphasizes the importance of good selection for children's reading. The text is divided according to type of literature, and aspects of each type are discussed

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

According to type of literature; fairy tales, picture books, mythology, science, etc. Gives brief historical sketch of each subject

SIMILAR TOOLS:

To some extent, *Children and Books*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The extensive coverage of each area of children's literature is unique. Many titles are mentioned in the course of the discussion. List of associated readings at the end of each chapter

EVALUATION:

Gives an excellent discussion of the criteria of book selection for children's reading

COST:

$4.50

VERTICAL FILE INDEX

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began in 1932; monthly except August

PURPOSE:

A selected list of pamphlets considered to be of interest to general libraries

SCOPE:

It is not intended to be a complete list of all pamphlet material, nor does inclusion constitute endorsement. Current, available pamphlets, booklets, leaflets and mimeographed material are listed in a year with descriptive notes if the titles are not self-explanatory

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical list of pamphlets with subject headings in parentheses

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains subject and title indexes. Included in the title index are subject headings which could be used by the librarian for the local vertical file. Noted are prices or conditions under which pamphlets may be obtained

EVALUATION:

Although some of the pamphlets are frankly propaganda and biased in viewpoint, there are numerous and excellent free or inexpensive materials for current reference. It makes available the current ephemeral printed material that would not be found elsewhere

COST:

$8.00, U. S. and Canada; $10.00, foreign

VIRGINIA KIRKUS SERVICE, INC.

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Mrs. Alice E. Wolff, Managing Editor
Virginia Kirkus Service, Inc.
317 West 4th Street
New York, New York 10014

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began 1933; published 1st and 15th of each month

PURPOSE:

Originally instituted as an advance buying medium for the bookseller but now the Service is keyed to public and school library needs

SCOPE:

Reviews 5000 books annually, on all general trade and some university press lists. Reviews appear from eight to ten weeks in advance of publication

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Fiction, nonfiction, religious books, and juveniles by age categories

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Library Journal; Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books are evaluated for literary quality, scope and substance of content, usefulness and readability, both for immediate and long term interest

EVALUATION:

Steadily increasing use by public and school libraries, newspapers, periodicals, foreign and domestic publishers attests to the critical calibre of the reviews

COST:

On a sliding scale, according to category

VOCATIONS IN BIOGRAPHY AND FICTION: an annotated list of books for young people

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Kathryn Haebich
American Library Association
50 East Huron Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

PUBLICATION DATA:

Appeared in 1953 under Vocations in Fact and Fiction; 2nd edition in 1962

PURPOSE:

To encourage young people to read for a better understanding and appreciation of a vocation and also of an individual in a given vocation. Students will find it a useful guide to books which interpret vocations in terms of the lives and times of outstanding, interesting, and colorful personalities

SCOPE:

Many titles in a wide range of vocations; aims to include anything in either fiction or biography dealing with any vocation

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The list is arranged alphabetically by vocations. Two general sections; vocations (general) and vocations (general—handicapped) are also arranged alphabetically in the main list

SPECIAL FEATURES:

A limited number of titles below eighth grade reading level, but with a high interest level have been included and are designated by an asterisk. Annotations are longer than usual and full bibliographical data is given

EVALUATION:

A very useful tool for the high school and public library. Although the tool is very good, it must be borne in mind that the general quality of vocation books leaves much to be desired

COST:

$1.75

THE WAY OF THE STORYTELLER

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Ruth Sawyer
The Viking Press
625 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022

PUBLICATION DATA:

First published 1942; revised 1962

PURPOSE:

To develop an understanding of the basic qualities essential to the art of storytelling

SCOPE:

History, philosophy, technique, selection, and approach to storytelling are presented along with eleven of the author's favorite stories. A reading list and story list, make up an appendix

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Storytelling—a folk art, the building of background, a technique to abolish technique, the art of selection, etc.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Book reading and story lists are broken down by general subjects. Some out-of-print books still available in libraries are included

EVALUATION:

A book that, while not a text, will serve as a means of bettering one's understanding of and skill in storytelling

COST:

$4.00; $1.65, paperbound edition

WE BUILD TOGETHER: a reader's guide to Negro life and literature for elementary and high school use

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Charlemae Rollins
National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

A new edition of this 1948 publication is in press now

PURPOSE:

To present the underlying principles in guiding teachers and librarians in choosing books for young people, and to list many books now available that depict Negro life honestly and accurately

SCOPE:

All instructional materials which interpret life, whether written for Negro children or about them, in all instructional media and in all age groups

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Includes books in ten realms of social living

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Books about Negro Life for Children; Sources of Instructional Materials on Negroes

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Contains criteria for judging books about Negroes; includes films, pictures, exhibits, slides, radio scripts, etc. Annotated bibliography

EVALUATION:

Very useful in selecting material to develop a better understanding between the races

COST:

Inquire from NCTE in late 1967

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE LIBRARY BOOK REVIEWS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Theodore C. Owen
Kansas State Teachers College
Emporia, Kansas

PUBLICATION DATA:

First series published in 1957

PURPOSE:

This is a collection of the William Allen White Library Book Reviews which appeared weekly in newspapers in the state of Kansas

SCOPE:

This booklet reviews about 45 books. It includes books first published from 1952-1956, some reprinted during this period; magazines, screenplays, and stories

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Book Bait; Doors to More Mature Reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Reviews are long and complete, both positive and negative, and very interestingly written

EVALUATION:

The reader has no inkling of what books or what type of books will be included. If one is interested in a particular title that is included he will find an excellent review

COST:

Free

WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

The H. W. Wilson Co.
950 University Avenue
Bronx, New York 10452

PUBLICATION DATA:

Began 1914; appears monthly except July and August

PURPOSE:

To help keep librarians informed on library affairs

SCOPE:

Theme issues which examine the theory and structure of a subject of special importance to the library profession. General news, new ideas and practices, a section on current reference books, reviews

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Library Journal; ALA Bulletin

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Awards; ALA Washington notes, opportunities for librarians, school, and children's libraries; displays of the month and bulletin board suggestions; authoritative commentary

EVALUATION:

Includes a variety of usable materials for the small library

COST:

$5.00 per year

WORLD AFFAIRS GUIDES

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Leonard S. Kenworthy
Teachers College Press
Teachers College, Columbia University
New York, New York 10027

PUBLICATION DATA:

Studying Africa 1965; Studying South America 1962; Studying the World 1962; Studying the Middle East 1962; Free and Inexpensive Materials on World Affairs 1963

PURPOSE:

A bibliography of world affairs designed to point out the availability of learning resources to teachers

SCOPE:

An extensive, yet selective, coverage of kits, maps and charts, music, books, booklets and pamphlets, and audiovisual materials for the areas of the world as listed above (the USSR in prep.)

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

The general plan of each of the five books now in print is the same. Contains a map of the area, an overview of the region to be covered, curriculum enrichment ideas, background information, and the study resources for each country included listed alphabetically by state and arranged by type of material and age suitability.

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Addresses of publishers, organizations, film and filmstrip sources, etc., are given. The "Some Ideas to Stress" section is excellent and would be very helpful to the teacher. The outline of the program and the suggested activities are practical

EVALUATION:

An invaluable series of bibliographies for the librarian and for the teacher of curriculum areas dealing with other countries. Although the titles contain the words "in elementary and secondary schools" the resources listed are appropriate for college and adult reading

COST:

$1.50 each booklet

WORLD HISTORY BOOK LIST FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

National Council for the Social Studies
1201 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

PUBLICATION DATA:

1st edition 1959; revised edition 1962

PURPOSE:

To provide supplementary reading material for students in world history

SCOPE:

A listing of 419 books—fiction and nonfiction–relating to the history of the world covering various periods of history and various topics of historical importance throughout the nations and/or continents of the world

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Part 1, an alphabetical listing by author. Part 2 lists the same books by time periods, topics, and geographical areas

SIMILAR TOOLS:

To a limited extent, *Historical Fiction* and *Historical Non-Fiction*

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Books graded for easy reading or for adults; wide scope of the subject matter; good annotations and full bibliographical data; does not include books on the U. S. or books which would have very limited audiences

EVALUATION:

An excellent list covering all phases of world history

COST:

$1.50

WORLD OF BOOKS

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Beverly Hills Unified School District
Beverly Hills, California

PUBLICATION DATA:

First issued in 1956; revised in 1959

PURPOSE:

A planned, continuous reading program to give students greater enjoyment of the world of books

SCOPE:

Lists books suitable for K-12. Contains only fiction in the books listed for the first eight grades but contains books dealing with all curricular areas from grades 9-12

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Fiction, travel, mythology, drama, essays, history, science, etc.

SIMILAR TOOLS:

One of the many school reading lists, but one of the few on such a comprehensive basis

SPECIAL FEATURES:

The introduction to each section of books is outstanding

EVALUATION:

Introduces an excellent list of books for any school or vacation reading program

COST:

$1.25

YOUNG READERS' REVIEW

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Young Readers' Review
P. O. Box 137, Wall Street Station
New York, New York 10005

PUBLICATION DATA:

First issued, September 1964; monthly September to June

PURPOSE:

To provide full length reviews of juvenile and young adult books, instead of paragraph length annotations and to place the book in perspective with regard to the author's previous works and other books in the field

SCOPE:

Selective; will review books of outstanding quality, books by well-known authors which may not maintain their previous standards, books by new authors, books by new publishers, and books in new subject fields or those not adequately covered

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Alphabetical

SIMILAR TOOLS:

New York Times Book Review

SPECIAL FEATURES:

A new look at old books is a monthly feature; each issue indexed and index cumulated in an annual issue

EVALUATION:

This media provides a definite service to those seeking current materials for juvenile readers

COST:

$5.00 per year (ten issues)

YOUR CHILD'S READING TODAY

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Josette Frank
Doubleday and Co., Inc.
Garden City, New York 11530

PUBLICATION DATA:

Copyright 1953 and 1954; revised edition, 1960

PURPOSE:

The aim of this book is to make today's parents aware of certain values in the child's reading and—most important—how that reading relates to the busy world about him

SCOPE:

This presents brief suggested lists of books for various reading interests from nursery age to adolescence, in an attempt to counsel parents toward wise selection

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Since parents are likely to select books by subject or interest rather than by author or title, the lists are arranged within each grouping in topical interest order. Four parts: parents, children, and books; books that children read and like; some age differences; the noisy arts. Under these are chapter divisions and many subheadings

SIMILAR TOOLS:

A Parent's Guide to Children's Reading

SPECIAL FEATURES:

A section suggests sources of more comprehensive lists to draw upon for the benefit of children growing up in the wide world of books. Also suggestions for fitting leisure time activities in with books

EVALUATION:

Basically a good tool for parents; the new edition includes two added chapters

COST:

$3.95

YOUR READING:
a booklist for junior high schools

AUTHOR-PUBLISHER:

Charles B. Willard
National Council of Teachers of English
508 South Sixth Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

PUBLICATION DATA:

1966

PURPOSE:

To provide a list of books for readers in junior high schools, directing these students to the better books available

SCOPE:

Offers many new titles, but also includes old favorites. Since this is a "sampling," the list of books included is selective

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Adventure, home and family, problems of youth, the arts, just for fun, folklore and legend, animals, sports, science, vocations and avocations, people worth knowing–and knowing about, our country, the wide, wide world

SIMILAR TOOLS:

Basic Book Collection for Junior High Schools

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Author and title index; list of publishers; distinction is made between easy and the more difficult books. Brief annotations

EVALUATION:

Directed to the student rather than the teacher and because of this it is an excellent aid to interest students in reading in many subject areas

COST:

$.75 ($.65 for members of NCTE)